

The Kansas Community Garden Grants Program— Seeding Gardens for the Future

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Promotes healthy living projects



Kansas Community Garden Grants

- Goal is to increase Kansans access to fresh, healthy food
- Provide seed money for new community gardens
- 3 year project (2012, 2013, 2014)



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- Up to **\$5,000** in grant money for a new garden
- Requests come from community garden **organizations**
- Gardens will **openly accessible** to members of community
- Emphasis on **food production**
 - May be allotment gardens or communal gardens



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- Applications received once a year
- Include overview of project
- Demonstrate need for grant funds
- Include organizational documents
 - By-laws
 - Garden rules
 - Budget
 - Garden map



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What do we fund??

- Start-up expenses
- Do not fund ongoing expenses
- WILL NOT fund a Garden Manager or paid gardeners
- One time award. Not renewable unless you expand into another site or add a LARGE number of new plots.



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- What are Start-up Expenses? Site preparation, irrigation costs (drill well, run water lines, etc.), fences, storage shed, large equipment (tiller, mower, etc.), hand tools, etc.
- What are Ongoing Expenses? Monthly water or electric bills; annual seeds/transplants



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How are grants awarded?

- Screening Committee
 - University and Extension Staff
 - Individuals with Community Gardening Experience
- Scoring Process
 - Score Sheet—Points allotted for sections of application
 - Some additional points for gardens located in “food desert”

*** Recipients must agree to complete reporting of the their spending and activities.



How Have We Made a Difference?



How Have We Made a Difference?

- After two years
 - \$250,000 distributed to 59 gardens
 - 1,170 new allotment plots
 - 452,995 sq. ft. of space in communal gardens
 - 859,153 sq. ft. in new community garden projects
 - 3,500+ individuals have participated in community garden projects



What kind of gardens?

- Small-Medium-Large
- Allotment-Communal-School
- Urban-Suburban-Rural
- All parts of the state
- Not all gardens asked for or received total \$5,000 limit



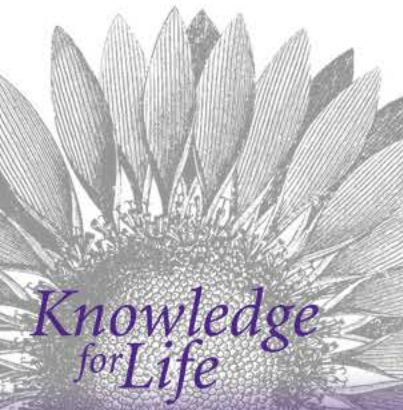
Feed My Sheep, Mound City, 300 sq. ft.



Abilene Com Gdn, Abilene, 9,800 sq. ft.



Gardner Com Gdn,
Gardner, 245,000 sq. ft.



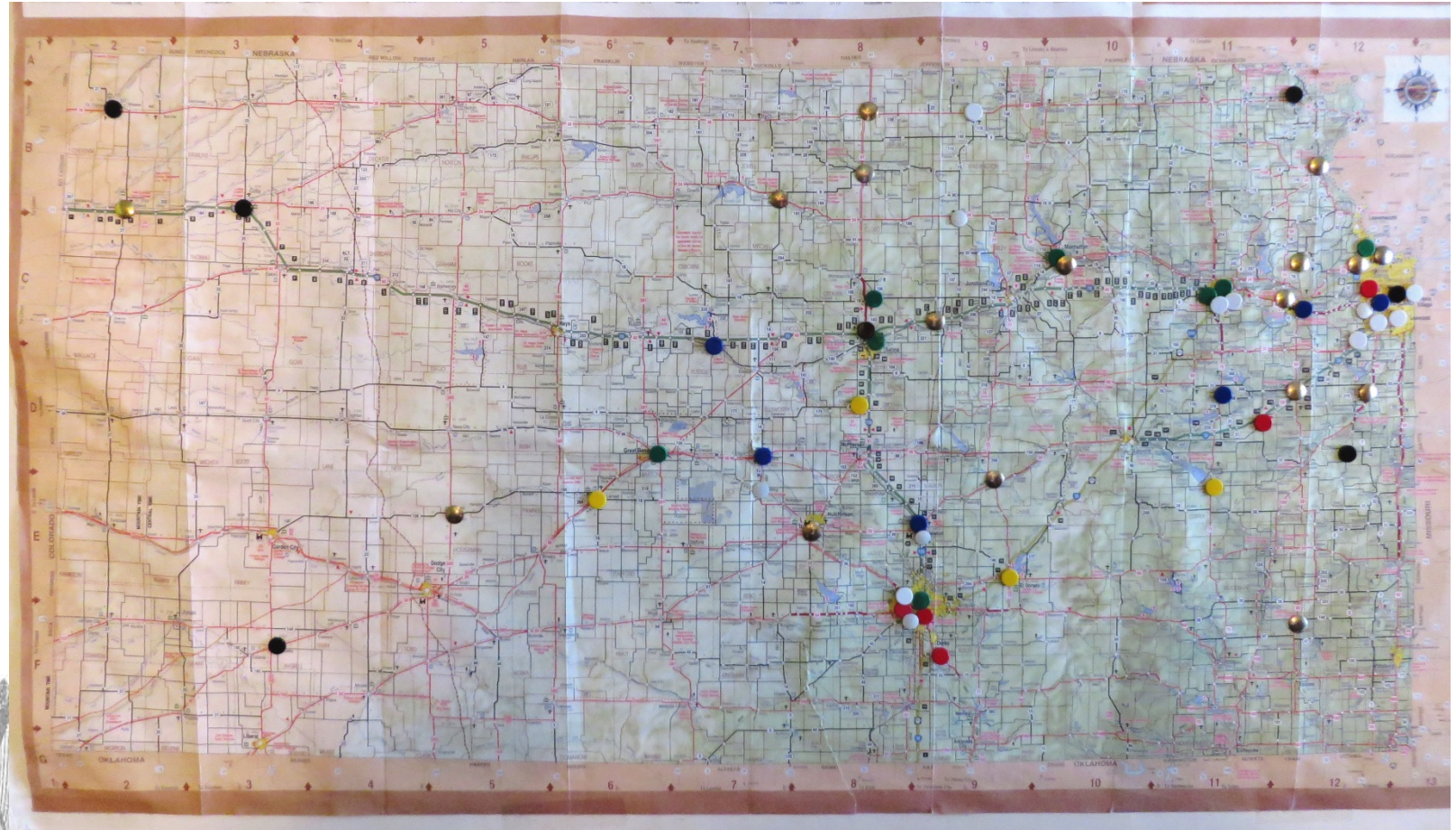
Allotment Gardens— Individuals/Families Rent Plot



Communal Garden—Gardeners work together for a common goal, such as donating to food pantry

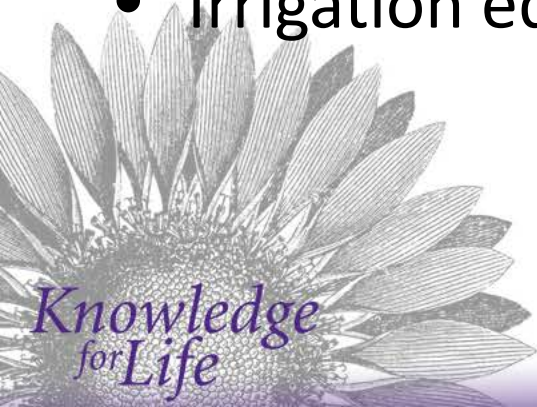


Grant Recipients 2012 & 2013



What have we funded

- Site preparation
- Bed construction
- Fences
- Sheds
- Drilling wells
- Irrigation lines
- Irrigation equipment
- Tillers and mowers
- Hand tools
- Garden benches and tables
- Soil improvements (compost, manure, etc.)



Why have we rejected an application

- Doesn't meet goal of project—not a food garden or a community garden
- Incomplete applications
- Not a new garden
- Request items we can't fund, such as a paid garden manager
- Poorly developed plans



What we have learned

- Tremendous need for funding of new and existing gardens
- Some groups have never applied for a grant before
- Some people don't understand the concept of a "community" garden
- Great appreciation for the funds received



2014

- Last year of the grant
- \$150,000 available to be awarded
- Applications are due January 15, 2014
- Plan to report on the total project at the end of the 2014



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grants or community gardening

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2014 Call for Grant Proposals

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Information about the Grant
Grant Requirements
Link to Application



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- [Links to other sites and publications](#)
 - [Sample Grant Documentation](#)
 - [Videos](#)
 - [2013 Conference Archive](#)
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 - [Other Grant Opportunities](#)

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- [Reporting Template](#)
- [2013 Recipients Bios](#)
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[Link to info on how to donate your garden produce](#)

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2014 Kansas Community Garden Conference

- July 7-8, 2014
- K-State Campus, Manhattan, Kansas
- Tours of local community gardens
- Break out sessions on a variety of horticulture topics and community gardening issues
- Info on website in Spring



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