

25 EPS Schools Receive 2018 Union County Kids Dig In! Garden Grants



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Twenty-Five district schools and providers received grants for their garden projects through the Union County Kids Dig In! school garden grant program as part of Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados's 2018 Union County Plant a Seed grants initiative.

Schools with students in grades pre-K through 12 were eligible to apply for a Union County Kids Dig In! grant. The grants are funded through the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

The County presented the Union County Kids Dig In! grant program to each school district through its Open Space Trust Fund, offering a total of \$70,000 in grant assistance through revenues from golf fees administered through the fund.

The grant program covers produce gardens including vegetables, fruits, nuts, berries, herbs and spices, pollinator-attracting plants and plants for pest management. It does not cover ornamental plants or non-producing gardens.

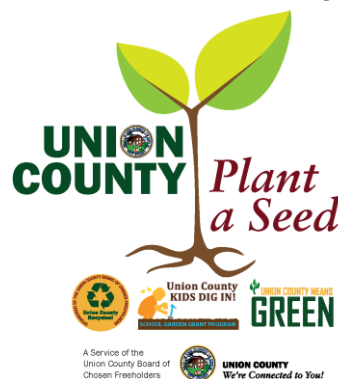
Gardens must agree to set aside 30% of their harvest for community donation and enroll in Come Grow With Us!, a free countywide information and resource sharing network for community gardens.

Schools that applied for grants were given the option to apply for tools and equipment; for establishing a garden with four raised beds with soil, irrigation, soil amendments, seedlings and provisions for educational programs; for ten Earthboxes with soil, tools, soil amendments, seedlings and provisions for educational programs; and for funding to cover other garden types such as rooftop or hydroponic gardens.

Elizabeth Public Schools was among 16 districts within Union County to receive grants, joining Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Union, Westfield, and Winfield.

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The schools and providers of Elizabeth Public Schools that received grants through the Union County Kids Dig In school garden grant program courtesy of the Plant a Seed initiative include:



School	Grant Description	Amount
Winfield Scott School No. 2	School 2 Garden- Earthbox Garden	\$750
Joseph Battin School No. 4	Battin Garden- tools and equipment	\$500
Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5A	Huskies Blooming Wonderland Garden- tools and materials, new raised beds	\$1,250
Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6	Lion's Pride Garden– new raised beds	\$1,250
Terence C. Reilly School No. 7	Live, Laugh, Learn & Grow Garden- tools and materials	\$500
Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9	JDA Field of Greens Garden- tools and materials	\$500
Elmora School No. 12	BEST BUDS Garden- new raised beds, equipment	\$1,250
Abraham Lincoln School No. 14	Lincoln's Grove- tools and equipment	\$500
Christopher Columbus School No. 15	garden bed	\$1,250
Madison Monroe School No. 16	new raised bed, equipment	\$1,250
Woodrow Wilson School No. 19	Earthbox garden and tools	\$750
John Marshall School No. 20	Dr. Thelma Hurd Memorial Garden- 2 or more hydroponic gardens or raised beds	\$1,250
Victor Mravlag School No. 21	STEMS for Success Garden- fence	\$150
William F. Halloran School No. 22	The Husky Patch Garden- raised bed gardens	\$1,250

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Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26	new raised beds	\$1,250
Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27	Pantoja Gardens- new raised beds, Earthbox, tools	\$1,250
Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28	School 28 Garden—tools and materials, new raised beds	\$1,250
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29	Einstein’s Outdoor Classroom- tools and equipment	\$500
Frances C. Smith ECC School No. 50	50 garden- new raised beds	\$1,250
Donald Stewart ECC School No. 51	Donald Stewart School 51 Garden- Earthbox garden	\$750
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ECC School No. 52	The Reading Garden- new raised beds	\$1,250
Egenolf Early Childhood Center	Earthbox Garden	\$750
Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical Academy	Peter Herbal Herb Garden- Earthbox, equipment	\$750
Adm. William F. Halsey Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy	R.I.S.E.garden- new raised beds, equipment	\$1,250
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	TJAA Liberty Hydroponics Garden- hydroponic garden	\$1,250