

# Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

## Social Justice & Outreach Committee

### Vegetable Garden Grant Application

#### Background Information

In recent years, several organizations have been working together to start new vegetable gardens to meet the needs of urban and suburban residents who have limited access to fresh produce and healthy food supplies. In 2013, the Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) will offer small grants to support the efforts of creating and sustaining neighborhood vegetable gardens. We hope to create supplies of locally grown produce for our neighbors in need. Depending on the location and circumstance, we expect that such produce will be distributed through local food pantries or parish-based outreach efforts.

These grants are intended to support Episcopal parishes and organizations to create new vegetable gardens or to support an already functioning garden with small material needs such as: seed or plant purchases, fencing, bed construction, soil or fertilizer purchases, soil testing costs, hand tool purchases, water connections, rain barrels, etc. *These grants are not intended to support an exclusive or private garden.* We have prepared a guide to setting up a small garden, available at [www.episcopalpgh.org/docs/GardenGuide-SJOa.pdf](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/docs/GardenGuide-SJOa.pdf). Should your garden be selected, implementation will be in late winter/early spring, 2013.

The maximum grant request for this program should be no more than \$500. The SJO Committee expects to fund at least two grants. Funds are to be used in the calendar year 2013 unless an extension is submitted and approved by the SJO committee. Applications are due via mail postmark or electronically by March 15, 2013.

#### Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible for this grant, the parish or organization should have:

- 1) a oversight committee of several organized and motivated gardeners
- 2) an already-identified garden location, owned by the parish/organization, or to be used with written permission of its owner(s).
- 3) a primary contact person/coordinator of the garden
- 4) a plan regarding crops, maintenance, and harvesting
- 5) designated recipients of the products of the garden.
- 6) a commitment to submitting a year-end report summarizing implementation of funds and success/challenges of the garden project.

#### To apply:

The application form should be submitted electronically or by mail by March 15, 2013:

Electronically to both:

Pat Eagon ([pkeagon@gmail.com](mailto:pkeagon@gmail.com)) and Nancy Lapp ([nlapp@pts.edu](mailto:nlapp@pts.edu))

By mail:

Attn: Nancy Lapp/ Vegetable Garden Application  
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## **APPLICATION FOR SJO GARDEN GRANTS:**

### **Contact Information**

Primary Contact Person:

Parish or Organization:

Mailing address:

Daytime Phone:

Contact: Which mode of contact do you prefer? Choose one or both options.

Phone

Email

### **Garden Location:**

Approximate garden dimensions:

Land owner:

**Please tell us about your proposed garden.** What is its purpose? Who will benefit?

Will the garden be used for educational purposes? If so, describe.

Who will take part in gardening and how will people be organized?

How is information dispersed to participants or to those who may wish to participate?

Will neighbors be involved with the garden?

### **Garden Needs/Proposed Budget:**

What materials will your organization need to purchase to launch or sustain the garden?  
Please describe and give approximate costs.

If your garden is a recipient of this grant, a site visit by members of the SJO committee can be requested to assist with planning of the garden, to be scheduled with your group as needed.

By signing below, you certify that you will be a regular participant with the garden at the location above and would like your garden to receive financial assistance from the SJO Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Printed names:

Signatures:

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Primary contact/head of garden committee

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Parish clergy member or senior warden