

Applications now accepted for second round of urban agriculture and community garden micro-grants

Feb. 17 is deadline for groups statewide

DOVER – Organizations wanting to launch or expand an urban agriculture or community garden project to benefit their neighborhood can apply for micro-grants from the Delaware Department of Agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee announced today.

“Neighborhood-driven urban farm projects can help strengthen a community, bringing people together from all backgrounds,” Kee said. “These micro-grants can help new gardens sprout and current projects grow. We want to help our friends and families develop a connection to the land and provide nutritious, locally grown foods.”

The micro-grant program offers up to \$1,000 per project for supplies, materials, seeds, or minor equipment. This year, in the second round of the program, \$20,000 in reimbursement funding is available statewide. Projects in New Castle County are eligible for matching funds thanks to a pledge from the New Castle County Conservation District.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, religious organizations, municipalities, schools, or organized neighborhood associations. For-profit businesses and individuals are not eligible.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. February 17. For more information and an application, visit de.gov/urbanag, email dda.marketing@delaware.gov, or call the Department of

Agriculture Marketing Section at 302-698-4500.

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