

2022 CRS Rice Bowl Grant Guidelines and Information for Vegetable Gardens Applications

Applicants requesting funding to construct an organic vegetable garden must meet the following requirements:

1. Have an open space larger than 4 x 8 feet and recommended that it receives 6-8 hours direct sunlight in the summer.
2. Have a nearby water source, ideally within 50 feet of the garden
3. Submit a plan for year-round use and care of the garden that includes who will care for the garden, what will be done and what veggies will be grown during each season
4. Have funds to pay for the remainder of the cost of construction not covered by the CRS Rice Bowl Grant
5. Produce from the garden must be given to or used to feed people in need
6. Vegetable garden applicants must complete the *2022 CRS Rice Bowl Grant Application* and submit it along with the addendum application.
7. Grant recipients are strongly encouraged to contract landscaping services of Planting Justice. If not employing Planting Justice, then it is required to have someone with knowledge and experience in gardening to supervise the project.

Planting Justice is an Oakland-based nonprofit that employs a large number of formerly incarcerated individuals and has been funded in recent years by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). For more information about Planting Justice, please see below.

Planting Justice Garden Options

1. Mounded Beds:

Planting Justice team creates a roughly 4 x 8 foot garden bed in the ground bounded by Redwood logs (Because logs are not usually straight, the bed is often not rectangular.) The bed is raised about 1 foot using mulch.

Good soil (free of toxins) is required.

Estimated costs are as follows (For more detailed cost breakdown, please see below.*):

Logs:	\$110
Compost (1.2 cubic yards):	\$110
Mulch and Plants:	\$225
Labor:	\$220 - \$440
<u>Total Without Irrigation:</u>	<u>\$665 - \$885</u>

2. Raised Beds:

P.J. team constructs a 4 x 8 x 1 foot box on the ground. *Durable GreenBed's* recycled, wood-cement composite panels are used for the sides of the box. Compost and mulch are used to fill the raised bed.

If raised bed will be constructed on a cement or asphalt surface, the bed needs to be built 2 feet high which will increase the cost.

Estimated costs are as follows (For more detailed cost breakdown, please see below.*):

Cost of bed:	\$662
Compost (1.2 cubic yards):	\$110
Mulch and Plants:	\$225
Labor:	\$220 - \$440
Total Without Irrigation:	\$1,217 - \$1,437

*Details on Costs:

Please note that Planting Justice's prices below are estimates for planning purposes. The actual cost may be a bit lower or higher depending on site conditions.

- Plants: \$200; Straw for Mulch: \$25
- Labor to install, 4-8 hrs. @\$55/hr.: \$220 - \$440
(The higher end would be if there is a lot of leveling or clearing of the site needed)
- Irrigation with hose bib timer: \$300 - \$500
(There must be a hose bib within 50 ft.; Does NOT include cutting asphalt or concrete.)
- In-Person Consultation Fee: \$150 (This fee can be waived if photos of the site can be viewed or a Zoom call done in advance.)

An educational talk for students at the time of installation is included covering how to plant, water and care, and harvest the vegetables.

For more information on Planting Justice's landscaping services, please visit their website at <https://plantingjustice.org/transform-your-yard/>

For questions, please contact the CRS Diocesan Coordinator at mmckimmey@cceb.org or 510-768-3176.

Planting Justice:

Headquartered in the Sobrante Park neighborhood of East Oakland, Planting Justice has a threefold mission: grow food, grow jobs and grow community. They have built over 500 gardens in the Bay Area so people can grow their own food, especially in areas where fresh fruits and vegetables are not readily available. Their education program goes into Bay Area prisons, juvenile detention centers as well as middle and high schools giving instruction in sustainable agriculture and healthy eating.

Planting Justice's large nursery business provides training and jobs for those living in the area who are formerly incarcerated and those seeking equitably-paid (average \$21/hour plus benefits) work. About half of PJ's 60 employees were previously incarcerated. Besides providing a living wage job, PJ works with other organizations to support those recently released to stay out of prison. Over the past 12 years, their formerly imprisoned workers have a 3% recidivism rate compared to 68% statewide. <https://plantingjustice.org>