

Lincoln Farm to Food Pantry Program Application

The Lincoln Agricultural Commission is offering small grants ranging from several hundred to over a thousand dollars to qualified Lincoln growers who want to provide fresh produce to food-insecure residents via the Lincoln/Weston Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and serves neighbors who live, work, or go to school in Lincoln or Weston. It is located behind St. Joseph Church at 142 Lincoln RD, Lincoln MA.

Karen Boyce of the Food Pantry will distribute to all grantees a list of dates when they are accepting food. Farmers must deliver their products on one or more of those dates. Delivery amounts should be enough to provide a share for 150 families. Questions about amounts and types of produce should be discussed in advance with Karen Boyce, the Food Pantry Chair, (Karenboyce620@gmail.com). The period for deliveries is this calendar year (2023) from start-of-contract to 12/31/2023.

On August 1st and after the last delivery, grant recipients must email a status report to the Agricultural Commission co-chairs -- Ari Kurtz (arikurtz60@gmail.com) and Louise Bergeron (louisebergeron@earthlink.net). For the August report, the email should say either that no produce was delivered up to that point or should list the produce delivered and its dollar value using the form attached at the end of this application. The final report should contain the total amounts and values for each product delivered over the season. The Food Pantry will also keep track of delivery amounts.

Please specify on the application form below:

1. Location of the crops to be grown
2. Amount and intended use for the cash grant that you are requesting
3. Plan for pest and weed control
4. Crops you wish to grow for this program (see form below)

Return application by May 15 to Ari Kurtz (arikurtz60@gmail.com) and Louise Bergeron (louisebergeron@earthlink.net). Upon receipt of an application, members of the Agricultural Commission will contact the grant applicant to discuss the proposal and decide whether to approve funding.

Requested produce items include but are not limited to:

- tomatoes (high priority), green beans, cucumbers, peppers
- summer squash, e.g., zucchini; winter squash, e.g., butternut squash,
- kale, lettuce
- sweet corn
- radishes, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes
- melons
- strawberries, raspberries, blueberries
- apples, peaches
- eggs

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| Farm | |
| Address | |
| Contact person | |
| Phone number | |
| E-mail address | |
| Amount of funds requested | |
| Intended use of grant funds | |
| Plan for pest and weed control | |

Farmer

Date

