

FY26 School Garden Grant Technical Assistance FAQ

The following questions come from the virtual technical assistance meeting held on September 4, 2025, from 11am-12pm.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to read the full [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for complete details, as it contains very specific information aligned with [Senate Bill 104](#).

- 1. Who is eligible to apply for this grant?** The grant is specifically written for nonprofit organizations to apply. If partnering with a school or another entity, the nonprofit would be the applicant and must meet all the listed requirements.
- 2. Can funds be used to enhance or maintain an existing garden?** The grant is intended "to create gardens," not solely to maintain existing ones. The goal is to expand the number of school gardens in Nevada. While you may have a pre-existing garden, the application must show evidence of creating a new garden space.
- 3. What are the curriculum requirements for this grant?** Applicants must provide evidence of a robust kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) STEM curriculum that is aligned with the Nevada academic content standards for science. Furthermore, the applicant must have two years of prior experience implementing this K-12 curriculum. A program that does not serve the full K-12 range may be disqualified.
- 4. What other requirements are there besides the curriculum?** In addition to the curriculum requirements, applicants must meet all other stipulations outlined in the NOFO. These include, but are not limited to, the formation of a school garden team, conducting cooking demonstrations with community professionals, and operating a farmers' market.
- 5. Can grant funds be used to pay for staff salaries or wages?** No, the funds from this grant cannot be used for wages.
- 6. What are the acceptable uses for the funds?** Funds can be used for training and professional development. This includes paying teachers for their time spent in professional learning or for expenses related to attending conferences.
- 7. What is the maximum funding amount an organization can request?** The total grant award is \$200,000 for the fiscal year. Applicants can request any amount up to the full \$200,000.
- 8. If we request the maximum amount, are we guaranteed to receive it?** Requesting the full amount does not guarantee you will receive it. A review committee will evaluate all submitted applications based on a rubric and will allocate funds accordingly. Awards may be for the full amount or a partial amount, depending on the applications received.