

Community Food Project Profiles in Pennsylvania

Seven CFP grants have been awarded to organizations in Pennsylvania between 1997 and 2006, totaling \$881,000 in funding. Two recent projects are profiled below:

Greensgrow Philadelphia Project. Philadelphia

Grant awarded: \$200,000 in 2002 for 3-year period

In collaboration with Greensgrow Farm, a neighborhood revitalization project that converted a superfund site into a working farm, the Neighborhood Urban Agricultural Coalition project used CFP funding to make great progress in increasing residents' access to healthy food. The project established a twice-weekly farm stand at Greensgrow Farm that sells its own produce along with products from other nearby gardens. The stand accepts food stamps and WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons, and operates a satellite stand at the nearby Senior Center. With CFP funding, the project created a Greensgrow nursery and a CSA, and coordinated a network of producers and farmers who make value-added products for sale at the Greensgrow farm stand and the Reading Terminal Market. Farm staff additionally worked with low-income urban consumers and local high school students, teaching them about the complexity of community food issues and helping them to create potential solutions.

South Central Community Action Program, Gettysburg

Grant awarded: \$46,000 in 2002 for 1-year period

As part of the Just Community Food Systems Neighborhood Nutrition Project, SCCAP's project has used CFP funding to improve low-income communities' access to healthy local food, and to support local agriculture. Working with the South Central Farmer's Market Association, the project provided an EBT machine to help food stamp and Farmer's Market Nutrition Program recipients access the market's produce, and raised awareness of this development among low-income residents. To make produce available to the homebound, the project established the Veggies on Wheels program. SCCAP also helped reduce food insecurity among the clients of the Franklin County Homeless Shelter, launching a Healthy Living Skills Program and collaborating with community groups to convert part of the shelter's parking lot into a vegetable garden.