The U.S. Botanic Garden partnered with the American Public Gardens Association (the Association) to offer immediate support to urban agriculture and other programs at public gardens affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2020, the USBG and the Association established the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program to grow capacity, prevent shortfalls, and gather best practices from established programs across the U.S. public garden community. The partnership made awards across the United States to help sustain urban agriculture and community food growing during this challenging time.

With the assistance of these funds, participating gardens in 19 states and Washington, D.C., grew and distributed produce, especially to communities with food access challenges; maintained and expanded urban agriculture and other food growing education programs; and promoted wellness and nutrition by educating the public about the benefits of fruits and vegetables. Beyond offering immediate support, the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program will provide insight into successful approaches and future opportunities for public gardens to improve food access and advance food and agriculture education in urban communities.

Gardens awarded funding include:

- Atlanta Botanical Garden, Georgia
- Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York
- Cape Fear Botanical Garden, North Carolina
- Delaware Center for Horticulture, Delaware
- Denver Botanic Gardens, Colorado
- Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Ohio
- Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Alabama
- Friends of the National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.
- Georgeson Botanical Garden, Alaska
- Grumblethorpe Historic House and Gardens, Pennsylvania
- Idaho Botanical Garden, Idaho
- Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Tennessee
- Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, University of Michigan, Michigan
In addition, the U.S. Botanic Garden has expanded a previously existing collaboration with the Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest to support programs that provide fresh produce and nutrition education to people with diet-related diseases who are also experiencing food insecurity.

See the awardees and learn more about their work:


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