

## Homegrown Collaborative Projects award recipients

### Overview

The Minneapolis Health Department (MHD) released a request for proposals (RFP) for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects. The Homegrown Collaborative Projects funding provides resources for community-led projects that implement specific strategies outlined in the:

- Minneapolis Food Vision
- 2024-2026 Minneapolis Food Action Plan
- 2023 Climate Equity Plan (with a focus on the Food, Zero Waste Circular Economy (FZW) and Green Spaces & Trees (GST) chapters)

In 2026, the 4 projects funded addressed one or more of the following focus areas:

- Objective 1: Support sustainable urban agriculture growing practices, including the use of energy efficient season extension growing structures, that increase availability of locally grown food.
- Objective 2: Support wasted food prevention through rescue and waste diversion to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The funding for these projects, which is part of the City's Climate Legacy Initiative, supports the advancement of an equitable and climate-resilient food system.

Recipient organizations

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Scope</b>
Church of the Incarnation	\$30,000	Harvest from the Heart food shelf, a program of Church of the Incarnation, will purchase and operate a mobile food storage unit (refrigerated trailer). This will be used to safely store rescued food to share with other community food shelves and food security partners, including TC Food Justice, and distribute rescued food directly to Joyce Uptown Food Shelf clients.
Open Arms of Minnesota	\$20,000	Open Arms’ garden program, Open Farms, will grow vegetables and herbs to be used in their meal program for clients living with severe and chronic illnesses. Funds will support their North and South Minneapolis gardens, allowing them to grow and deliver produce in a coordinated fashion for their menus. They will also partner with Freedom Farms, a Black-owned urban farm in North Minneapolis, to purchase culturally relevant produce to incorporate into the meals.
Pillsbury United Communities	\$20,000	Pillsbury United Communities will engage and manage youth at their community-based garden sites in North and South Minneapolis. Participants will learn urban food production, land stewardship, and food system skills while contributing to local food access through coordinated food redistribution. In partnership with the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (The Arb), PUC will plan garden improvements, which will be implemented by youth. The food produced will be integrated into PUC’s larger food systems body of work including community cafes, food distribution, and food shelves.
The Sanneh Foundation	\$30,000	The Sanneh Foundation will expand their three-year collaboration with The Black Radish urban farm and local community chef Celeste Macias. Funds will be used to purchase culturally specific produce from Black Radish. Celeste will be contracted to deliver cooking demonstrations at the Corcoran Park food distribution and host quarterly food preservation workshops. The Sanneh Foundation will also pick up rescued produce for their distributions.