

2014 Fresh Produce Grant

Overview

The Fresh Produce Grant is a yearly opportunity at the Capital Area Food Bank. The food bank joins with Clagett Farm—a sustainable and organic farm in Upper Marlboro, MD—to offer partner agencies fresh produce at no charge. Partner agencies are selected to participate in the grant based on their ability to distribute the produce, their educational programming (or potential programming,) and their clients' needs.

Produce

The program runs for 24 weeks, from May through November. Every other week, participants pick up produce directly from Clagett Farm. In 2013, each participant received—on average—more than 4,000 pounds of produce throughout the growing season. The variety and quantity of produce vary from week to week, but Clagett usually grows around 40 different types of produce—everything from arugula to zucchini!

Accepting applications
from **January 16th** to **February 17th**
To apply and for more information, visit
capitalareafoodbank.org/fpg
Applicants to be notified by **March 31st**

Questions? Contact

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Expectations

- Participants will safely and reliably pick up, store, and distribute produce.
- Participants will attend a pre-season meeting in May and a post-season meeting in November.
- Participants will distribute and discuss educational materials (provided by the food bank) about the produce to their clients.
- Participants will attend at least one educational workshop at the food bank.
- Participants will independently provide at least one educational opportunity for their clients about the produce.

Support

The food bank supports participants by

- Handling all scheduling and communication between the farm and the participants
- Providing resources such as recipe cards
- Checking in with the participants throughout the season

