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Pure Farmland™ Awards \$100,000 To Local Gardens and Farms

Brand Announces Pure Growth Project Grant Recipients

SMITHFIELD, Va., Oct. 6, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- [Pure Farmland™](#) is proud to present the recipients of the 2020 [Pure Growth Project](#) grant program. After receiving 167 applications from community gardens and farms across 31 states, 50 organizations have been carefully selected to receive grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000, providing a total of \$100,000 in financial support to nurture these unique neighborhood spaces. Pure Farmland launched the Pure Growth Project initiative earlier this year to ensure community gardens and farms continue to thrive, and to help increase access to fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables nationwide.

"At Pure Farmland, we truly believe that good things are grown from the ground up, and we're honored to help these deserving organizations do more and grow more," said Erin Thacker, MA, RDN, brand manager for Pure Farmland. "From the launch of this grant program to our ongoing partnership with American Farmland Trust, the Pure Growth Project is just one of the many ways we continue to build on our longstanding commitment to protect vital farmland and green spaces throughout the country."

2020 Pure Growth Project Grant Recipients

Norris Square Neighborhood Project | Philadelphia, Pa.
Raleigh City Farm | Raleigh, N.C.
The Subversive Gardener and P.S.18 Edward Bush Magnet School for Leadership | Brooklyn, N.Y.
Promise of Peace Community Gardens | Dallas, Texas
Bonton Farms | Dallas, Texas
Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project | Oakland, Calif.
Garfield Park Community Council | Chicago, Ill.
E.A.T. South | Montgomery, Ala.
City Blossoms Inc. | Washington D.C.
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle | Raleigh, N.C.
Michigan Urban Farming Initiative | Detroit, Mich.
Shalom Farms | Midlothian, Va.
Green Guerillas | New York, N.Y.
St. Philip's School and Community Center | Dallas, Texas
Dorothy McGowan Memorial Garden | New York, N.Y.
Frazier Revitalization, Inc. | Dallas, Texas
Florence Fang Community Farm | San Francisco, Calif.
Bronzeville Alliance | Chicago, Ill.
Tampa Heights Community Garden | Tampa, Fla.
El Jardin de las Mariposas | Chicago, Ill.
Unlimited Potential | Phoenix, Ariz.
Urban Food Forest at Browns Mill Community Garden | Atlanta, Ga.
International Rescue Committee | Dallas, Texas
Dorchester Community Garden | Chicago, Ill.
Brewerytown Garden | Philadelphia, Pa.
Interim Community Development Association | Seattle, Wash.
Urban Sprouts | San Francisco, Calif.
North Lawndale Triangle Garden | Chicago, Ill.
Heartland Human Care Services | Chicago, Ill.
Brooklyn Rescue Mission Urban Harvest Center | Brooklyn, N.Y.
Target Hunger | Houston, Texas
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation | San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. Anthony Park Neighborhood Association | Jersey City, N.J.
Fresh Future Farm Inc. | North Charleston, S.C.
The Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati | Cincinnati, Ohio
The Center for Children & Young Adults | Marietta, Ga.

The Fit and Food Connection | St. Louis, Mo.
Gateway Greening | St. Louis, Mo.
Groundwork Buffalo | Buffalo, N.Y.
Edgemere Farm | Queens, N.Y.
Redden Gardens & The Center for Great Neighborhoods | Covington, Ky.
Fields 4 Valor Farms | Brandywine, Md.
Local Environmental Agriculture Project | Roanoke, Va.
Unity Gardens | South Bend, Ind.
Seeds of Hope Wilson | Wilson, N.C.
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation | Cincinnati, Ohio
Taproot Kitchen | State College, Pa.
Summit Community Gardens | Park City, Utah
Warren County Schools | Warrenton, Ga.
The Big Garden | Omaha, Neb.

In addition to protecting one square foot of farmland for every purchase of a Pure Farmland product, the brand is also giving Americans the chance to help grow the impact of the Pure Growth Project with the launch of a new virtual community garden. For every garden photo submitted at www.puregrowthproject.com, Pure Farmland will donate another \$10 toward community farm and garden grants, up to \$25,000.

For more information, please visit pure-farmland.com/impact/. Pure Farmland is a brand of Smithfield Foods.

Correction: In the previous version of this release The Subversive Gardener and P.S.18 Edward Bush Magnet School for Leadership was not included, but has since been updated to reflect the full list of grant recipients.

About Pure Farmland™

Pure Farmland™ is a maker of high-quality, plant-based protein products, such as breakfast patties, burger patties, meatballs, and pre-seasoned protein starters and serves retail customers. Pure Farmland products are proudly crafted in the USA with soy protein, coconut oil, natural flavors, are gluten and dairy free, and serve as a good source of protein. To learn more about Pure Farmland, please visit www.Pure-Farmland.com, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#). Pure Farmland is a brand of Smithfield Foods.

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Headquartered in Smithfield, Va. since 1936, Smithfield Foods, Inc. is an American food company with agricultural roots and a global reach. Our 40,000 U.S. and 15,000 European employees are dedicated to producing "Good food. Responsibly.®" and have made us one of the world's leading vertically integrated protein companies. We have pioneered sustainability standards for more than two decades, including many industry firsts, such as our ambitious commitment to cut our carbon impact by 25 percent by 2025. We believe in the power of protein to end food insecurity and have donated hundreds of millions of food servings to our neighbors in need. Smithfield boasts a portfolio of high-quality iconic brands, such as Smithfield®, Eckrich® and Nathan's Famous®, among many others. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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