

Growing Together WI

A FoodWise and Master Gardener Partnership

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**FOOD
WISE**

Healthy choices, healthy lives.

 **MASTER
GARDENER**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION



10%

Of Wisconsin households are
food insecure

(2015-2017 USDA Economic Research Service)



Lac du Flambeau Youth Center Wellness Garden

Grow



Barron Community Garden

Educate



Lac du Flambeau Youth Center

Connect



Plymouth Congregational Church

1



TALK

about the value of community garden with community stakeholders

2



ADVOCATE

for garden space accessibility to individuals with limited incomes

3



PROMOTE

land use and safety for equitable garden access

4



ESTABLISH INSTALL & MAINTAIN

(weed, water, harvest) gardens at sites where individuals with limited incomes eat, live, learn, work, and play.



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DONATE

garden and farm produce to sites where SNAP-Ed participants eat, live, learn, work, play and shop

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DELIVER

on-site garden-based nutrition education

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EVALUATE & REPORT

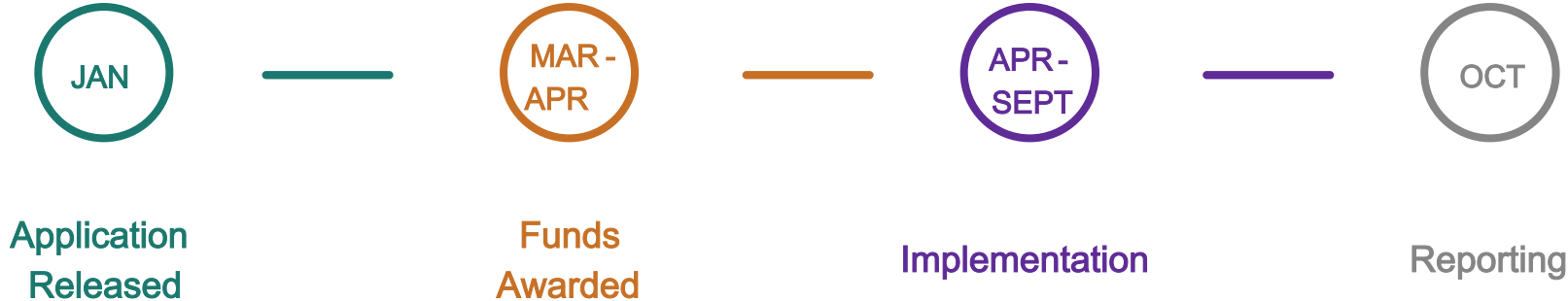
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PROVIDE

education to SNAP-Ed participants on food growing/gardening techniques

Mini-Grant Timeline



Average funds awarded per project:

2017: \$2,363

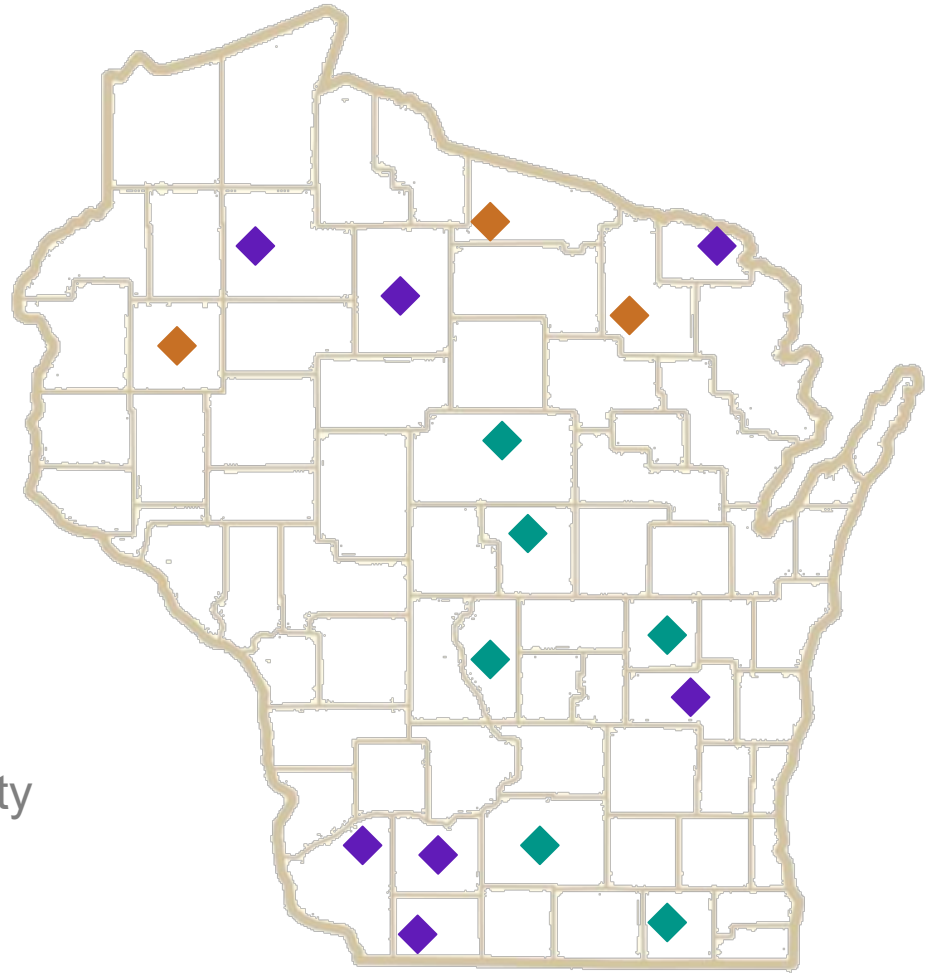
2018: \$2,821

Project Locations

- ◆ 2017 Projects
- ◆ 2018 Projects
- ◆ 2017 & 2018 Projects

Settings:

Food pantries, schools, community organizations, places of worship, youth centers.



FoodWise Coordinators and Educators

2017

20

2018

9

Master Gardener Volunteers

2017

26

2018

31

Total MGV Hours

2017

475

2018

701.75



Barron Community Garden

Total pounds fresh produce donated

2017

1,831

2018

2,606

Total sites receiving donations

2017

18

2018

32

Total individuals served per month
where produce donated:

2017

7,522

2018

3,468



Lac du Flambeau Youth Center Wellness Garden

Number of non-MGV community partners involved

2017

53

2018

46

Nonprofits, Retail, UW Extension (4H), Government Agencies, Schools, Shelters, Meal Sites, Pantries, Places of Worship, etc.

Non-SNAPEd funds leveraged

2017

\$9,800

2018

\$5,660



Individuals reached through garden based education

	2017	2018
	344	158

Youth:	69%	58%
Hispanic or Latino:	59%	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native:	2%	11%
Asian or Asian American:	8%	0.5%
Black or African American:	6%	4%



“Pantry clients would walk in the door and say, “wow”, when they saw the fresh produce. Not only is the produce something they don’t typically see at the pantry, but it was the first thing they saw when walking in the door.”

– Master gardener volunteer

“This is worth all the energy, with all the great people that have come together to make this happen, this garden is a symbol of our school helping out those that need it right in our own neighborhood.”

– Master gardener volunteer



2017

SNAP-ED HIGHLIGHTS

Iowa State University

Purdue University

University of Nebraska

University of Wisconsin

497

Master Gardener volunteers contributed time to the project

542

community partners and agencies cooperated on the project

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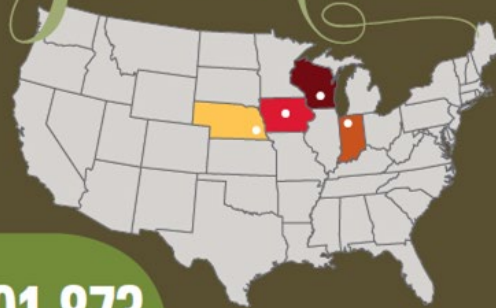
63,595

people with low income were served by the project

Projects leveraged

\$56,940

in non-SNAP-Ed funds to support their work



131

food pantries received produce as a result of the project

101,873

pounds of fruits and vegetables supplied to food pantries

Growing Together is a multi-state SNAP-Ed project to increase access to fruits and vegetables in food pantries. SNAP-Ed, the Master Gardener Program and food pantries are working together to build and maintain donation gardens in their communities.

This program is funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as Food Assistance, provides monthly assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet. To find out more visit www.yourfoodsource.gov.

Thank you!

<https://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/gardenwise/>

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