



NCEMGVA 2022 Inspire Connect Empower Project Grant Recipient

Orange County: Submitted by M. Malloy and D. Klimas

Project Title: Community Seed Library

Category: Startup **Funding:** \$500

Description: The Community Seed Library offers free seeds to a diverse set of gardeners as a means of improving the community's sources of healthy and affordable food as well as providing habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Educational opportunities will be offered on seed starting, seed saving, and other seasonal gardening topics.

The recipients of seeds are prioritized as community gardens that distribute vegetables and herbs to local food pantries, to four community based sites, and to garden organizations accompanied by education on seed saving and requests for seed donations.

In the first year, 850 seed packets were distributed. Entering the second year of operation, Master GardenerSM Volunteers anticipate they will be able to distribute 4000 seed packets.