The Chicago Botanic Garden’s urban agriculture program builds resilient & sustainable communities through food, health, and jobs.

**VeggieRx** since 2016
- 44,300 boxes of produce distributed
- 5,350 unique participants to date

**Therapeutic Horticulture** since 1999
- 120 families grow produce for their households
- 300 participants served per year

**Youth Farm** since 2002
- 50 paid student participants per year

**Corps** since 2007
- 70% job placement rate for participants
- 337 total participants

**Apprenticeship** since 2009
- 91% job placement rate 6 months after graduation
- 264 total graduates

**Small-Farm Business Incubator** since 2012
- 80% businesses majority owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color farmers
- 32% businesses owned by justice-impacted individuals
- 31 businesses incubated to date
- 12 businesses graduated and still operating independently of Windy City Harvest

VeggieRx: Produce prescription program bringing free vegetables paired with nutrition and cooking education to qualified patients from our health care partners.

Therapeutic Horticulture: Programs bringing the healing power of nature and food to a wide variety of patients, community members, program participants, and people of all abilities.

Youth Farm: Farm-based program where teens ages 15 to 18 develop leadership skills and career development through sustainable agriculture.

Corps: Full-time, paid transitional jobs on Windy City Harvest farms for justice-involved adults and support in finding long-term employment.

Apprenticeship: Hands-on, technical training and paid work experience to gain certification in sustainable urban agriculture.

Small-Farm Business Incubator: Farm incubator program to support the growth of small-farm businesses through training, mentorship, and land access.
We grow more than 100,000 pounds of produce each year across all Windy City Harvest farms.

**FOOD:** An average of 100,000 pounds of produce is grown every year on 13 farms in the Chicago area. Most of the produce stays in the communities where it’s grown.

**HEALTH:** We offer cooking and nutrition classes, as well as affordable or free produce for more than 1,000 community health center patients with diet-related diseases every year. We contract with more than five partners a year to bring the healing power of nature and food to 350 people per year.

**JOBS:** We provide paid, on-the-job training for more than 100 people every year. Our workforce development programs achieve an average of 80 percent placement rate in food systems jobs post-training. Since 2013, Windy City Harvest has helped to grow 30 small farm businesses.