



<b>Initiative:</b>	Healthier Living
<b>Project Name:</b>	Community Garden Project
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## **Program Summary**

The backyard space on the properties of LifeHouse Ministries provides a beautiful and spacious location for the organization's spiritual formation ministry activities. LifeHouse Ministries believes that the development of a community garden on its grounds would provide educational opportunities to the community which would promote a better knowledge and awareness of nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

The Community Garden Project plans to serve 50 to 150 people of all ages and stages of life. Collaboration is planned with the Health Hut mobile medical clinic, senior adults, and various educational, community and faith-based organizations. Additionally, plans are to serve some of the harvested foods at meals offered by LifeHouse Ministries through its community meal program.

## **Grant Objectives**

Grant funds will be used to accomplish the following:

- Utilize existing space on facility property to prepare the site for the community garden.

- Build container boxes for growing fruits, vegetables, and herbs.
- Purchase soil, fertilizer, seedlings, as well as garden tools and supplies.
- Hire skilled labor to (a) prepare the garden area and its accessibility to the public; (b) remove trees and cement which currently occupy the garden space; (c) create a safe parking pad in front of the facility; and, (d) build a concrete handicapped accessible pathway from the carport into the backyard and garden area.