## Return application, soil results and maps to:

Mail: 151 Aikens center Suite 2; Martinsburg, WV 25404 Email: hweikert@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us Fax: 304-263-4986
Drop off at office in door slot.

# FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Urban and Community Agriculture

West Virginia
Conservation Agency

Bluebird Boxes

Sign up Period: Monday, June 2, 2025 through Friday, April 3, 2026.

Applicant Information			Farm Information					
Legal Name:			Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle					
Mailing Address:			County:					
			Farm Name:					
Telephone:			Telephone:					
Email Address:			Email Address:					
Application Date:			Field # or #'s:					
Best Management Practice								
ВМР	Limits	l	Please indicate the components you are applying for:					
Urban & Community Agriculture	50% Cost Share Rate Up to \$500.00 Total	o L	old Frame or Hot Beds ow Tunnel omposter	<ul> <li>Soil, Compost, or Mulch</li> <li>Landscape Fabric</li> <li>Stakes and / or Trellis</li> <li>Shade Cloth</li> </ul>				

## Program Eligibility

Raised Beds

#### A. <u>Definition</u>

Provide safe, healthy, and green environments for growing fruits and vegetables in an urban setting. Cost share incentive to assist with the purchase of raised beds, landscape fabric, and more.

### B. Purpose

Provide agricultural assistance to landowners interested in vegetable gardening. To encourage nontraditional participation in soil and water conservation practices. Provide soil and watershed protection by storm water management and soil erosion reduction. Encourage locally grown foods.

#### C. <u>Policies for Program</u>

- 1. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- 2. Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (lessee).
- 3. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
- 4. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field.
- 5. Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- 6. Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually, \$500 if farm is less than 5 acres.
- 7. Applications will be accepted from June 3, 2025 at 8 a.m. through April 3, 2026 at 4 p.m.
- 8. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 and approvals are based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- 9. All practice components must be completed and receipts must be turned in 60 days after receiving approval packet.

#### E. Payment rates & limits

- 1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be 50% up to \$500.
- 2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- 3. The payment will be made to the producer within 45 days after CD has approved the payment at the monthly board meeting.
- 4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

### D. <u>Practice Specifications</u>

Please refer to the job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Αp	plicants Signature:	 Date:	

OFFICE USE ONLY:				
Date Received:				
Time Received:				
Ranking Score:				
If Approved:				
District Bd Date				
Approved:				
Verification #:				

Revised: April 15, 2025

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