



**Cookfresh® Cook County Farm Bureau®
Grant Program...An assistance program designed
for Community Gardens in Cook County to beautify their “places and palates.”**

The Cook County Farm Bureau®, since 1920, has helped “grow” the efforts of area agriculturists. This long established, trusted tradition continues with the development of the Cookfresh® Cook County grant program. As the original green thumbs, CCFB members are set to continue the greening of Cook County.

The program is aimed at providing to Community Gardens in Cook County a boost, through grant dollars, for the development and enhancement of the garden. Grant dollars not only can be used to purchase plant materials, seeds, and gardening supplies/materials but also, local farm producers stand ready to assist Urban Gardens through supplies, expertise, and materials.

The Cookfresh Cook County grant program offers four \$300.00 grants to support urban agriculturists seeking assistance with an urban garden. The application process is open from January 1, 2012 through February 29th, 2012. Completed applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. Applications may be submitted to Cook County Farm Bureau, 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, Il 60525, email: ccfb@cookcfb.org or Fax: 708-579-6056.

Use of the actual application form is not required as long as the format provided is followed.

Items to consider...

- Grants to Urban Gardens will receive **\$300 in Cook County Farm Bureau Cookfresh “Funds”** redeemable at various local farm market stands and member outlets for use during the 2012 garden season.
- Urban Gardens receiving a grant will be asked to post a sign indicating that the “Urban Garden is supported by Cook County Farm Bureau’s Cookfresh program.”
- The judging committee is volunteers from the Commodities/Marketing Team that farm or are farm advocates.

