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## **Capital District Community Gardens Awarded \$80,000 in Grants**

Capital District Community Gardens was recently awarded more than \$80,000 in grants from various private foundations and companies.

Several grants will be used to support the expansion of The Produce Project, an urban farm and job training program that increases employment and educational opportunities for youth from Troy High School. The funding will be used to expand the farm from 2.5 acres to 3.5 acres of arable land.

\$25,000 - The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation

\$20,000 - Merck Family Fund

\$10,000 - The Bender Scientific Fund of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region

\$10,000 - The John D. Picotte Family Foundation

The Presbyterian Hunger Program awarded \$8,000 to support CDCG's Community Gardens' education and outreach program. CDCG makes 850 plots in 48 community gardens available to 4,000 residents throughout the region each year.

The Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region awarded \$3,000 to CDCG to fund the expansion of their Community Gardens and Squash Hunger programs in southern Saratoga County. Squash Hunger is a food donation initiative that collects and delivers more than 11 tons for fresh produce to food pantries and shelters throughout the region each year.

Saratoga Casino and Raceway donated \$5,000 to support the organization's general operating costs.

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*Capital District Community Gardens is a 37-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more.*

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