

<b>Growing Gardens</b>	<b>Ready in 2018</b>
<b>Total Cost: \$714,000</b>	<b>Funding Amount: \$87,000</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> Growing Gardens is requesting funds to help complete its Pollinator Pavilion, which will house administrative offices, a workshop, conditioned meeting space, restrooms, and a central covered area for harvesting and processing of produce. This funding would enable them to complete the construction of the building, which will include a professional quality kitchen with exhaust hood and outdoor shed with walk in cooler. This infrastructure will help Growing Gardens continue to grow the local organic food system and ensure that low-income families have access to fresh, healthy food. Growing Gardens counts over 24,000 involved community members, including 6,900 children and 250 teens.</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="http://www.growinggardens.org">www.growinggardens.org</a>  Population served: 24,000 community members per year</p> <p><b>Planning:</b> Planning for the project is complete. Over \$600,000 has been raised to date, and major construction is expected to be completed in January 2018. Additional improvements will be made as funding is available, so this funding could be utilized anytime between January and December 2018.</p>	

**Operating cost impacts:** This space will allow Growing Gardens to eliminate current rental and facility costs, shelter rentals, and sanitary facility rentals. It will also increase revenues as it will free up additional growing space in their greenhouses, resulting in increased revenues from the annual plant sale.

**Opportunities, challenges, and considerations:**  
The proposed project aligns with several components of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan’s strategy for Agriculture and Food, including: Local Food Production, Sustainable Agriculture, Urban Gardening and Food Production, and Access to Locally Produced Food.

