Limited Submissions

Office of Research Administration                                      Tufts University

Aetna Foundation – Local Roots: Supporting Community Gardens, Urban Farms and Farmers Markets

****PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED ****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal ‘Email of Intent’ Deadline: April 13, 2015 by 5pm
Sponsor Deadline: May 6, 2015 5 p.m. ET

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Office of Research Administration (ORA)
researchadministration@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent needs to include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. The subject or title of the proposed project, and
4. 2-3 sentences that briefly describe the potential proposal

If the number of PIs interested is greater than one, ORA will initiate an internal review process by informing those who submitted an email of intent of the next step in the process.

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The Aetna Foundation has placed increased emphasis on supporting local programs that improve access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities. Beyond the gardens, farms or farmers markets themselves, successful applicants must have programs that also engage local residents in one or more of the following:

• Nutrition education and/or cooking classes that improve knowledge and skills about the health benefits of fresh produce;
• Cultivating and/or distributing produce that reflects local ethnic and cultural food traditions;
• Providing ways to learn job skills and/or entrepreneurship (within the context of the gardens, farms and markets); and/or
• Generating opportunities for people to support the project through community service or volunteer work

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

AWARD INFORMATION: Grant awards will be a minimum of $25,000 and a maximum of $50,000 over two years.


All materials are to be submitted electronically to the Office of Research Administration at researchadministration@tufts.edu.