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# Community and School Garden Mini-grants Offered by the U of M Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

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The University of Minnesota Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) is offering mini-grants for gardens for communities and schools. The mini-grants can be used for gardening supplies, equipment and tools, and communication and outreach activities, up to a maximum award of \$500. The application deadline is March 26, 2012, by 5 p.m. Grant awards will be determined by March 30. The application form is available at [www.rsdp.umn.edu/northwest](http://www.rsdp.umn.edu/northwest)

The grants are part of an effort to strengthen a gardening culture and engage new gardeners in northwestern Minnesota. The mini-grants are funded through a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Minnesota and its Growing up Healthy Program.

The NWRSDP connects University resources and citizen leaders in support of regional aspirations for natural resources, clean energy, agriculture and food systems, and resilient communities. Linda Kingery serves as the executive director. For more information, visit <http://rsdp.umn.edu/northwest>.

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