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## Grant encourages new community gardens in Vt.

*By the Associated Press*

BURLINGTON — A Burlington group is offering \$500 grants for the creation of new community gardens in Vermont.

Jim Flint, executive director of Friends of Burlington Gardens, says the group has 10 grants available. They're underwritten by a \$10,000 grant from the Jan and David Blittersdorf Foundation.

The money can be used for site preparation, fencing and signs.

To qualify, the garden site must be 2,500 square feet or more in area and provide at least ten plots for local residents to grow fresh vegetables.

The deadline for proposals is Aug. 1, with final plans due August 8. The grants will be awarded Sept. 4

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