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- Received 22 SEED Grant applications requesting \$166,204
  - \$50,000 total funding pool
  - Continued disparity between demand for 2026 SEED grants and available budget
- SEED Grant Review Team
  - 6 members
  - 3 reviewers per application
- Funding philosophy
  - Try to fully fund fewer applications v. partially fund more applications (“Deeper v. Wider”)
  - 7 applications recommended for funding in 2026 cycle

# 2026 SEED Grant Apps Recommended for Funding

- **“EMCC Universally Accessible Community Garden”, *East Madison Community Center, Inc.***
  - Up to \$7,338 to fund accessible garden beds buildout
- **“Orchard Ridge Food Pantry and Community Garden Fence Replacement”, *Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ***
  - Up to \$500 to fund garden fencing Supplies
- **“Supporting Healthy Families Community Gardens”, *Urban Triage***
  - Up to \$8,932 to fund project costs associated with the community garden and community fridge launch
- **“Strengthening Volunteer Coordination to Improve Community Access to Fresh Produce”, *Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens***
  - Up to \$6,434 to fund volunteer Coordinator staff position
- **“Food Security Program”, *Vera Court Neighborhood Center***
  - Up to \$8,932 to fund project costs for the Food Security Program
- **“Refocused ePantry Online Ordering Program”, *River Food Pantry***
  - Up to \$8,932 to fund food purchases for the ePantry Online Ordering Program
- **“Expanding Healthy Food Access During the Non-Growing Season”, *Allied Food Pantry (fiscal – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Madison and Verona Inc.)***
  - Up to \$8,932 to fund food purchases from ‘Clean, Fresh Food’ for the Allied Food Pantry