

**COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH – Media Advisory
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**Columbus Public Health and Partners to Announce 35 Community Garden Grants
Grant Announcements Part of Earth Day Celebration on April 22**

WHAT: The City of Columbus and Franklin County, in cooperation with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, will join current and past recipients, community partners and residents to announce funding for 35 community gardens during an Earth Day celebration.

WHO: **Dr. Teresa Long**, Columbus Public Health Commissioner; **John O’Grady**, Franklin County Commissioner; **Priscilla Tyson**, Columbus City Council President Pro-Tem; **Bruce Harkey**, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Executive Director; and, **Su Lok**, Scotts Miracle-Gro Company.

WHEN: Friday, April 22
10:30 am

WHERE: Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
Scotts Miracle-Gro Community Garden
1777 E. Broad St., Columbus

DETAILS: In its sixth year, this collaborative program recognizes the benefits of community gardens in increasing residents’ access to fresh and healthy foods. Grants support new and existing gardens in central Ohio

Access to healthier foods is one of the ways public health is working to combat obesity. Currently, more than 65 percent of adults 18 and older are considered overweight. Additionally, 12 percent of adults also have diabetes.

MORE INFO: For more information, visit Columbus Public Health at www.publichealth.columbus.gov or Facebook/Twitter/YouTube or HealthCare.gov.

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