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Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Triples Number of Grant Recipients 30 community gardens to receive cash and tools in 2015

MADISON, Wis. (Feb. 18, 2015) – As springtime approaches, gardeners everywhere are searching for ways to cultivate and support their community plots for the coming season. [Fiskars](#), a leading global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden and outdoors, is lending a hand as it announces the recipients of the [2015 Project Orange Thumb](#) garden grants. Of the nearly 375 applications submitted, 30 recipients were selected to each receive \$3,500 in cash and tools to support their own local community gardens.

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb is now entering its 13th year and has provided over \$1.5 million to more than 150 community groups since the program began in 2002. With a goal to strengthen community ties, grow healthy food and beautify community gardens across North America, Fiskars is proud to offer grants and tools to support healthy, sustainable food sources.

Recipients were selected by members of the Project Orange Thumb editorial board, composed of influential garden bloggers in collaboration with Fiskars. Members included Chris Lambton of *Life, Love, and Landscaping*, Russell Van Kraayenburg of *Chasing Delicious*, Robin Horton of *Urban Gardens*, Bren Haas of *BGgardens* and Gayla Trail of *You Grow Girl*. Fiskars selected the members for their gardening expertise and passion for fostering growth in community gardens.

"This year, Fiskars is tripling the number of Project Orange Thumb grants to help more communities make their garden plans a reality. It's inspiring to see community groups actively sharing their passion for gardening, and we're thrilled to support a growing number of projects this year," said Fiskars President Paul Tonnesen.

Garden grant recipients include:

- Teens Empowerment Awareness with Resolutions, Inc., Tuskegee, Ala.
- Altadore School Parent Council Association, Calgary, Alberta
- Fulton Place Community Garden, Edmonton, Alberta
- District of Chetwynd, Chetwynd, British Columbia
- South Conejos Schools, Antonito, Colo.
- Huckleberry Hill Elementary School PTO, Brookfield, Conn.

- MAN UP Mentoring, Inc., Orlando, Fla.
- Calvin Hunsinger School, Clearwater, Fla.
- Gardner Community Garden, Gardner, Kan.
- Crescent Leadership Academy, New Orleans, La.
- The Home for Aged People of Fall River, Fall River, Mass.
- Teaticket School, Falmouth Public Schools, East Falmouth, Mass.
- Southwest Housing Solutions, Detroit, Mich.
- Churches United for the Homeless, Moorhead, Minn.
- Newark Science and Sustainability, Inc., Newark, N.J.
- Holmdel Green Team, Holmdel, N.J.
- Mount Holly Community Garden/Mount Holly Farmers Market, Mount Holly, N.C.
- Little Bud Thorbs Economic Development Association for Minorities in Sports and Human Enrichment, Grifton, N.C.
- Veterans Healing Farm, Hendersonville, N.C.
- Community Living Hanover & Area, Hanover, Ontario
- Peterborough Community Garden Network, Peterborough, Ontario
- Springwater Environmental Sciences School, Oregon City, Ore.
- Steel Valley School District, Munhall, Pa.
- Town of Whitewood, Whitewood, Saskatchewan
- Rosebud Economic Development Corporation, Mission, S.D.
- Loudon County Health Improvement Council, Loudon, Tenn.
- First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains, Texas
- Box Elder Community Garden, Brigham City, Utah
- Centreville Elementary School, Centreville, Va.
- The Guest House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.

For further information on the Project Orange Thumb program and 2015 grant recipients, visit fiskars.com.

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