

# YOUNG GROW GETTERS

GRANTEE

**GROWING PLACES  
INDY**

INVESTMENT

**\$3,000**

## Project Overview:

Growing Places Indy (GPI) is one of the first urban farms in Indianapolis, Indiana. GPI is a nonprofit on the Near Eastside with a mission to cultivate wellness through urban agriculture and build a more just and equitable food system. The organization accomplishes this through a four-pronged approach focused on urban agriculture, access to fresh local foods, mind-body education, and entrepreneurship. The primary community they serve includes the Near Eastside, located east of downtown Indianapolis.

Growing Places Indy's Young Grow Getters program is an educational and youth development program created specifically for high school students ages 15-18 years old in Marion County seeking a promising career in sustainable agriculture and STEM. The program is open to all high school students, but we give priority to those students who come from underserved communities.

The program is structured as a paid, 6-week intensive hands-on experience led by industry professionals in sustainable farming, science, technology, and mathematics that offers real-world experience and career readiness skills. Students are immersed in STEM-based curricula through this program as they learn about the critical relationship between agriculture and science. Participating students will work directly with experienced farmers and business owners throughout the program, who will give them a 360-view of the STEM and agriculture sector.

This program will ultimately develop a pipeline of talent that will be better equipped to work within the food, agriculture, and STEM sectors, changing the urban agriculture landscape for years to come.

- + Improves Quality of Life
- + Improves Community Livability
- + Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- + Increases Workforce Development
- + Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- + Increases Talent Attraction
- + Connects Talent
- + Supports Discovering Career Pathways for High School to Post-Secondary Education
- + Supports the Retention of Young Professionals
- + Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- + Promotes the Preservation and Celebration of Unique Natural Features and Environmentally Sensitive Areas