

Community Garden Cost Estimating Tool
San Diego Park and Recreation Department
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This cost estimating tool is provided to help community garden organizations prepare preliminary estimates for garden construction. This tool may not identify all the costs associated with garden construction as each garden will be unique in area, number and size of plots and amenities planned for the garden. Use this tool to assist with initial estimating and prepare a more detailed estimate based upon the final design of the garden. This tool is not intended to include items to be supplied by individual gardeners, rather the basic garden elements to be shared by all gardeners.

Description	Purchase	Donation	Not Needed	Items	Cost / Item	Total Cost
Planning and Organizational Costs						
Design costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Permit Costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Organizational materials and supplies	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Insurance Costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Total						\$ -
Site Improvements						
Grading costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Drainage costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Accessibility improvement costs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Total						\$ -
Plants and flowers (not individual garden plots)						
Flowers	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Foliage plants	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
General plants	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Seeds	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Shrubs	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Trees	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Sod	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Cover Crop Seed	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Grassseed	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Total						\$ -
Community Use Tools and Equipment						
Handtools	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Larger Tools	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Total						\$ -
Community Use Materials and Supplies						
Soil	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Compost	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Fertilizer	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Plant pots, tubs and containers	[]	[]	[]			\$ -
Total						\$ -

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Construction Materials and Supplies						
Fencing and gates	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Retaining wall materials to build raised beds	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Pavers	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Concrete	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Bricks and path edging materials	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Sand, stone and DG	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Woodchips	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Utilities						
Electrical service and distribution lines	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Security Lights	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Water meter and water service	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Water supply lines / Sillcocks	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Irrigation materials and supplies	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Drinking fountain	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Fittings and furniture						
Picnic Tables	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Benches	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Tables	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Barbeque	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Outdoor structures						
Shed	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Cold Frame	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Gazebo	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Trellises	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Shade house/arbor	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Garden Kiosk / Bulletin Board	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Compost bin	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Labor and Construction						
Professional services costs	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
General labor costs	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Other costs						
Equipment Rental	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Other	[]	[]	[]		\$	-
Total					\$	-
Grand Total Garden Cost					\$	-