



Cerro Gordo County  
Department of Public Health

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### **Vote for Edible Landscaping!**

(Mason City, Iowa) – The Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health is applying for a grant through the Wellmark Foundation. The grant will award up to \$10,000 for projects that promote active living as well as access to and consumption of healthy foods.

The Health Department submitted a project that will provide area locations with “edible landscaping”. This means various locations throughout the county will be able to receive plants and trees that produce fruits and vegetables to be planted in high traffic areas. The produce grown from these plants will be available to the public free of charge to come pick and eat!

Locations included in the grant application are: Clear Creek Elementary School in Clear Lake, Community Kitchen in Mason City, Plymouth Betterment Committee in Plymouth, Opportunity Village in Clear Lake, Willow Creek Gardens in Mason City, and Lime Creek Nature Center in Mason City.

In order to receive this grant, community support must be shown through voting. To vote for the Cerro Gordo County project, please visit the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health on Facebook and click on the Wellmark Kickstarter project video (*Edible Landscapes*). Additional project details are given during the video. Voting will be open from now through October 7, 2016.

For more information about the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health’s fitness and nutrition services, please contact Katelyn Nicholson at (641) 421-9342 or visit [www.cghealth.com](http://www.cghealth.com).

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