

# Community Tool Shed Expansion



## BACKGROUND

The City of San Antonio's Development Services Department currently funds and supports a Community Tool Shed that contains hand and gas power tools that can be used at no cost by residents, businesses, and community groups of San Antonio to clean and improve their properties.



Expansion of the existing program would reduce capital costs for urban farmers and gardeners and reduce barriers for residents interested in yard improvements.

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Liability concerns regarding power tools may exist
- Some experience and skill required for use
- Additional storage may be required

## OPTIONS

- General indemnity waiver by the city
  - City of San Antonio's liability coverage
- Food Policy Council reviews applications for sufficient expertise and approval for equipment usage
- Provide funding to the Food Policy Council to conduct quarterly trainings on proper equipment use
- Create fund to use private equipment rentals (Sunbelt, United, etc.)

## EXPANDED TOOL SELECTION INCLUDES:

- Tillers
- Trenchers
- Tree Augers
- Wheelbarrows
- Sawhorses
- Ladders
- Broadforks
- Additional Hand Tools

## INITIAL COSTS

**\$150,000**

## ANNUAL COSTS

**\$30,000**