Moab Community Gardens has received a $1,000 grant from Moonflower Community Cooperative through its Seeds to Start grant program. The biannual grant supports local programs that boost food security as well as social and environmental justice in the Moab community.

Moab Community Gardens (MoCom Gardens) was founded in 2018 and said its goal is to facilitate the development of sustainable, organic, community gardens for the benefit of Moab-area residents. In 2018, MoCom Gardens debuted its first community garden space on East Bench Road in Spanish Valley. The 4,100-square-foot garden space includes a small orchard and 10 plots that were lent to gardeners in exchange for volunteer hours to help improve garden infrastructure.

With the Seeds to Start Grant, MoCom Gardens plans to improve the East Bench Road garden by building and installing raised beds, designing and planting pollinator-attracting perennial plants, and establishing a “Food Bank Plot” to grow produce for the Grand County Food Bank.

Funds will also be used to install an “International Nibble Garden” at the Moab Valley Multicultural Center. At the Moab Valley Multicultural Center Garden, perennial herbs and berries will be planted for anyone in the community to harvest and enjoy. Special attention will be given to planting culturally appropriate plants.
MoCom Gardens is held under the umbrella of local nonprofit Resiliency Hub. The Resiliency Hub’s other programs include permaculture education, green infrastructure demonstration, upcycling and management of the CommuniTea Garden.

MoCom Gardens is looking for individuals to get involved with the management of the Food Bank Plot and the Moab Valley Multicultural Center Garden, and is signing up new gardeners who would like to use plots at the East Bench Garden in 2019.

Send an email to mocomgardens@gmail.com for more information on how to become involved with the local projects.

Garden becomes an entity of Resiliency Hub; Plots available to community