



## Montgomery Store Partners with Downtown Farm to Increase Garden Accessibility



### Deric Sallas | Montgomery Store

Deric is a Market Team Member and purchaser on the Whole Body team at Whole Foods Market Montgomery. "Being able to not only sell the best products but also ensure, through partnerships, that everyone has access to quality foods is the best part of working in this profession," he explains. During the summer of 2017, Deric was an intern with EAT South, and he has continued to volunteer ever since. He applied for the Community First Grant on behalf of EAT South in hopes of cultivating the organization's growth and securing Whole Foods Market's role as a valuable resource for them.

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**GOAL: Use \$5,000 to create garden paths, install rolling garden beds, and invest in garden tools designed for those with limited mobility**

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### EAT South

EAT South, established in 2011, is an urban teaching farm that grows more than 70 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables year-round. They provide education programs, donations, farm visits and a farmers market booth. The farm's work empowers the community with knowledge and materials to grow their own healthy food, selling sustainably grown food at affordable prices and providing a community space focused on sharing healthy food. At the heart of each Whole Cities partnership is a deep respect for the good that already exists in the community's food system, and EAT South is a fantastic example of that goodness for Montgomery.



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You can nominate a nonprofit with a food access project for a \$5,000 grant. Learn more at [www.wholecitiesfoundation.org](http://www.wholecitiesfoundation.org)