Bronx rooftop greenhouse could provide fresh produce year-round

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Residents at Intervale Green in the Bronx have transformed the top of their building into a rooftop farm for fresh produce. NY1 reports the building, the biggest Energy Star-certified housing development in the nation, could soon transform the rooftop into a full greenhouse to allow year-round gardening.

Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) built Intervale Green and is hoping to now raise funding for the proposed greenhouse.

“We’ll be able to extend the growing season through the winter and we’ll be able to get a head start on spring plantings, with hardening up seedlings in the greenhouse and starting at least a month earlier than regular planting,” the building’s rooftop farm manager, David Torres, told NY1.

WHEDco is hoping to meet its donation goal of $1,900 through crowdfunding on IOBY.org and hope to raise enough money before winter.

Urban rooftop gardens are already taking root around the city and elsewhere, including one just planted in Boston.

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