



PLANT AMERICA

Community Project Grants

Guidelines



The *PLANT AMERICA* Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Blue Star Memorial landscaping
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Grant Amount: Up to \$1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of projects

Who May Apply: Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017

Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by **January 31, 2018**.

Projects must be completed by **May 2019**, and final report forms are due by **July 1, 2019**.

How to Apply:

Application and final report forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org

Send the completed application form and budget to: PLANTAMERICAGRANTS@gmail.com

Program Criteria:

In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- Impact and scope of project
- Benefits and visibility in community
- Involvement and participation by club members
- Collaboration with other community groups
- Clearly stated plan for future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project

Funding Guidelines:

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect
- Purchase of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Private gardens
- Eagle Scout projects
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Political action programs
- Capital drives and building funds
- Scholarships and endowments
- Lawsuits and litigation
- Overhead costs

Final Report:

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by July 1, 2019
2. Send the following:
 - A short one-page report describing the project including photos
 - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
 - A copy of any publicity

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