

Arlington Garden Club Community Grant Program - Overview

Founded in 1934, the Arlington Garden Club is a social and community service organization. As part of this, we enjoy partnering with other community members and organizations in working together to make our cities better places to live and enjoy.

The goal of the AGC Community Grant Program is to support projects that align with the Arlington Garden Club's purpose, which is to:

- Promote an interest in gardening.
- Increase knowledge of plants, gardening and the environment.
- Aid in the protection of good environmental practices.
- Encourage and participate in the beautification of our community(ies).

Background: Our volunteers, which currently total more than 100 members, work hard during the year on fundraising events to support local programs and organizations. For example, during the last 10 years (as of year-end 2025), we have provided:

- \$35,000 in scholarships to local youth.
- \$29,000 to community programs or organizations.

More information may be found on the [AGC website](#) under [Community Service](#).

Funding information. The amount for an individual AGC Community Grant is up to \$500.

Who may apply: Educators, youth organizations, or community members in the greater Arlington and surrounding areas.

These include: Arlington, Oso, Darrington, Stanwood, Lakewood, Marysville, Lake Stevens and Granite Falls.

Timeline: AGC will consider grants as they are submitted. However, the best time to apply is in the fall or winter. There are several reasons:

- **Lines up with our budget cycle.** The AGC fiscal year begins July 1st and runs through June 30th of the following year. The AGC Board reviews and approves all grant applications. However, it doesn't meet during the summer months.
- **Provides time for the review process.** It may take several months before a decision is made and you are notified. The AGC Board may also need time to ask for additional information.

General categories (one or more may apply).

____ Education ____ Environmental practices or protection ____ Beautification of community

Examples of possible grants. These are examples of possible grants that the Arlington Garden Club would consider funding.

Education. A school teacher is planning to teach a special curriculum about composting and its benefits to the environment. He or she will use the funds to develop educational aids, purchase a composting bin and garden tools, and provide pots and seeds for students to eventually plant in the school's existing raised garden beds.

Environment. A local youth organization wants to enhance the habitat for fish along a local stream bed. They want to purchase native plants for planting and will work to remove non-native invasive species as well. They have committed to watering and weeding regularly until winter to get the new vegetation established.

Beautification. A group of community members is interested in beautifying an overgrown area of a local city park. They plan to clean up the site and add a new flower bed. They will use the funding to purchase compost and shrubs and other plants. Once the project is completed, the city has agreed that its crews will provide ongoing maintenance.

Application. The application for the AGC Community Grants can be found on our website in the Community Grant section. It must be signed and dated before being submitted.

- Email (in PDF format) to: arlingtongardenclubwagrants@gmail.com.
- Or send via U.S. mail to: Arlington Garden Club, P.O. Box 112, Arlington, WA 98223.

The Arlington Garden Club must approve the project prior to committing funds.

Additional note: The Arlington Garden Club may wish to share information (photos and project description) via its membership newsletter and Social Media (including Facebook, Instagram, and its website). The project contact is asked to initial their approval of this usage on the application form.