



# Lake County Master Gardeners' Grants Awarded in 2026

Each year LCMGA supports local organizations, schools, and community groups working on garden related projects throughout Lake County by offering grants from \$200-\$600. From community gardens to educational programs, these projects help expand access to fresh food, enhance public spaces, and provide meaningful learning experiences.

## COMMUNITY & FOOD ACCESS

- ◆ **Munster Community Garden – *Munster***  
 Welcoming garden space for education, wellness, and shared harvests
- ◆ **Crown Point Rotary – *Crown Point***  
 Vegetable gardens supporting St. Jude House
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – *Crown Point***  
 Grow bags and tomato plants for families
- ◆ **Community Help Network – *Crown Point***  
 Produce for "Buddy Bags" recipients
- ◆ **Wolf Lake Community Garden – *Whiting***  
 New vegetable, herb, and native plant gardens

## INCLUSIVE & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- ◆ **TradeWinds Services – *Merrillville***  
 Expanded vocational training gardens
- ◆ **Maria Reiner Center – *Hobart***  
 Garden for weekly senior programming
- ◆ **Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church – *Crown Point***  
 Prayer and biblical garden enhancements
- ◆ **Town of St. John / Patnoe Park – *St. John***  
 Soil for community garden boxes
- ◆ **Miller Garden Club – *Gary***  
 Gardening podcast development

## PUBLIC SPACES & BEAUTIFICATION

- ◆ **Cedar Lake Parks Foundation – *Cedar Lake***  
 Bartlett Wahlberg Park improvements
- ◆ **Cedar Lake Parks & Recreation – *Cedar Lake***  
 Potawatomi Park beautification
- ◆ **Crown Point Garden Club – *Crown Point***  
 Lake County Fairgrounds garden enhancements
- ◆ **Crown Point Courthouse Garden Club – *Crown Point***  
 Courthouse east-side plantings
- ◆ **Church of the Four Seasons – *Crown Point***  
 Peace, Fountain, and Bible garden enhancements

## EDUCATION & YOUTH

- ◆ **Planting Possibilities – *Highland***  
 Prevocational farm training for adults with disabilities
- ◆ **NWI Lighthouse Charter Schools – *Gary***  
 Junior Master Gardener program
- ◆ **Bishop Noll Institute – *Hammond***  
 Student-led environmental garden club
- ◆ **NWI Food Council – *Crown Point***  
 Learning garden at Region Roots Food Hub

## HERITAGE & EDUCATION

- ◆ **Oases Botanic Gardens – *Gary***  
 Self-guided garden tour materials
- ◆ **Cedar Lake Historical Association – *Cedar Lake***  
 Indigenous Potawatomi heritage garden

