



Macomb County Master Gardener Association

2026 Community Gardening Grant Guidelines and Selection Criteria

Application Deadline: March 15

Notification to grant recipients will be at the April quarterly meeting.

Return completed application to:

MacombCountyMGA@yahoo.com or

Macomb County MGA, P.O. Box 380463, Clinton Twp., MI 48038

1. Who can apply?
 - a. Any educational group, not-for-profit organization or other groups/persons providing horticultural education and /or horticultural therapy. Applicants must be based in, located in and serve residents of Macomb County. A MCMGA Master Gardener must be a member of this project. See #4 for more details.
2. What is required in the application?
 - a. A cover letter from the principal of the organization verifying applicant's status and program/project relationship to the larger organization.
 - b. Written program description and budget, as requested in the two-page application
3. What are the funding parameters?
 - a. New program initiatives or those that enhance continuing, previously funded programs may be eligible for up to \$200. New project applications are given a priority.
 - b. MCMGA grant funds must be used to directly support horticultural education and/or horticultural therapy aspects of the project, such as: seeds, plants, compost, garden tools/gloves, rain barrels, books, trellis, fencing, mulch, fertilizer, garden soil, signage, construction materials for raised beds, compost bins, handicap accessible beds, other supplies such as waste bags or first aid kits. Extra consideration will be given to organic materials.
 - c. Grant funds are NOT provided for:
 - i. General operations (salaries, buildings, utility costs, etc.)
 - ii. Pesticides or herbicides without explanation of their specific use.
 - iii. Construction materials for hardscape, such as: sculptures, benches, picnic tables, memorials or garden sheds.
 - iv. Food/beverage, t-shirts, etc. for volunteers
4. What are the selection criteria?
 - a. Project supports horticultural education and/or horticultural therapy.
 - b. Project is based in, located in, and services residents of Macomb County
 - c. Project utilizes the expertise of MCMGA during development or implementation.

- d. Application is complete, including cover letter, organization and contact information, program description and budget data.
- 5. What are the expectations of the MCMGA funded projects?
 - a. Funds must be used for items specifically outlined/identified in application.
 - b. Awardees must provide an electronic presentation of the project at the annual meeting of the MCMGA held in September of the year the grant was awarded. Help to prepare your presentation can be obtained by contacting the Director at Large, if needed.
 - c. A financial report(s) for purchase must be provided to the MCMGA Board of Directors by the Annual September Meeting of the year the grant was received.
 - d. Return only the application portion of this document.
 - e. Failure to comply with the expectations will result in denial of future grant application.