



PLANT PENNSYLVANIA

an Initiative of
The Garden Club
Federation of Pennsylvania



PLANT PENNSYLVANIA Grant Program Application

Submit to the Advisory Council Chair Leeanna Ryba rybar@nb.net

Deadlines for the next three Presidential terms:

October 1, 2026

October 1, 2027

October 1, 2029

Program Overview

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is pleased to introduce the **PLANT PENNSYLVANIA Grant Program**, a statewide initiative that provides financial assistance to GCFP member clubs for new projects that enhance Pennsylvania's communities through environmental stewardship, civic beautification, conservation, and educational gardening.

The purpose of the program is to encourage innovation for sustainable projects that improve local environments while increasing public awareness of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and its mission. Through this initiative, GCFP seeks to support projects that educate the public, inspire community involvement, and create lasting environmental benefits throughout the Commonwealth.

Grant Award

The program allows for grant applications every two years. The number and amount of grants awarded will depend upon the quality of applications and available funding.

2026 - minimum of \$2,500

2027 - minimum of \$5,000

2029 - minimum of \$5,000

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by any club that is a current member in good standing of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.

Projects should:

- Benefit the public or the local community
- Promote environmental responsibility
- Support civic beautification
- Encourage conservation of natural resources
- Include educational or horticultural components when appropriate
- Demonstrate long-term sustainability and maintenance
- Increase visibility and awareness of GCFP and its mission

Examples of Eligible Projects

Grant funds may be requested for projects such as:

- Pollinator and native plant gardens
- Community gardens
- Public landscape improvements
- Tree planting initiatives
- Habitat restoration projects
- Rain gardens and stormwater mgt. projects
- Butterfly or wildlife habitats
- Educational demonstration gardens
- Garden-based educational programs
- Conservation or environmental education initiatives
- Beautification of parks, libraries, museums, schools, veterans' memorials, or other public spaces
- Community workshops promoting gardening, conservation, or environmental stewardship

These examples are intended as guidance and are not intended to limit creative project proposals.

Application Information

Garden Club Name _____ District _____

City _____ Zip _____

Club President _____ Email _____

Project Coordinator _____ Email _____

Project Title _____

Project Description

Please describe your proposed project. in detail. (500 words maximum)

- Include:
- Purpose of the project
 - Community need being addressed
 - Project goals and objectives
 - Activities to be completed
 - Timeline
 - Expected outcomes

Budget and Item Costs

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please identify any matching funds, donated materials, or volunteer labor supporting this project.

Community Impact

Explain how this project will:

- Improve the local environment
 - Benefit the community
 - Encourage public participation or volunteerism
 - Promote environmental responsibility
 - Increase awareness of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
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Educational Component

Describe any educational activities associated with the project.

Examples include:

- Interpretive signage
- Public presentations
- Workshops
- Youth involvement
- Demonstrations
- Educational brochures
- Community events

If not applicable, explain why.

Partnerships

List any organizations, municipalities, schools, businesses, or community groups participating in the project.

Final Report

Grant recipients will have up to 18 months from date of receipt of grant to complete their project and submit a brief final report that includes:

- Project accomplishments
- Photographs of the completed project
- Summary of community participation
- Description of educational activities
- How the project promoted GCFP and its mission
- Final budget accounting

Applicant Certification

Date of Application _____

The undersigned certifies that this application is accurate and that, if awarded, grant funds will be used solely for the purposes described herein.

Project Chair Name and Signature _____

Club President Name and Signature _____

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with the mission of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
- Environmental and community impact
- Promotion of civic beautification and conservation
- Educational value and public engagement
- Visibility of GCFP within the community
- Feasibility and project planning
- Sustainability beyond the grant period
- Budget appropriateness
- Overall quality and completeness of the application

Thank you for your commitment to enhancing Pennsylvania's communities through gardening, conservation, education, and environmental stewardship. Together, we are helping to **PLANT PENNSYLVANIA** for generations to come.