

2022 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant Application

Please note: This document should not be submitted to KidsGardening. It is intended to help programs prepare your application responses ahead of time before you complete the online GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant application. Simply copy and paste your answers from this document into the online form.

For full details and eligibility information about the 2022 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, and for the link to the online form, visit our [website](#).

Contact Information

Grant Applicant First Name:

Grant Applicant Last Name:

Grant Applicant Title:

Grant Applicant Email Address (Please only write one email): *Note: This is the email address that will receive all grant communications moving forward.*

Please confirm the grant applicant email address:

Grant Applicant Phone Number:

School/Organization Name:

Garden Program Name:

Location Name: *Note: Location of the garden by the official name of the school or facility to receive the award (e.g. "Washington Elementary School," "Fairview Botanical Garden"):*

Shipping Address (no P.O. boxes please):

City:

State or Territory:

Zip Code:

Organization Tax ID #: *Note: Enter numbers only without spaces or hyphens. Format: 123456789. All organizations must have a 501(c)(3) status or be otherwise tax-exempt in order to be considered for support. If you are a school group that does not have 501(c)(3) status, please enter your district's EIN number.*

Program Background Information

Has your program applied for a GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant before?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Has your program received a GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant before?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Which of the following best describes your organization:

- Public School
- Private School
- Charter School
- Nonprofit Agency
- Community Garden
- Preschool
- Head Start
- Child Care/Day Care
- Garden Club
- Summer Camp
- YMCA
- Boys and Girls Club
- Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Other: _____

How many youth from each age group will participate directly in the garden program? Enter "0" if you do not anticipate youth in the age category. *Note: The number of youth must be equal to or greater than 15 to be eligible for the GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant. Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.*

- Ages 0-4 (Preschool)
- Ages 5-10 (Elementary School)
- Ages 11-13 (Middle/Junior High School)
- Ages 14-18 (High School)
- Ages 18+

Indicate approximately what percentage of youth who participate directly in the garden program identify within the following traditionally under-resourced populations.

- Children of Migrant Workers %
- Children of Refugee Families %
- English Language Learners %
- Justice-involved Youth %
- LBTGQ+ Youth %
- Native American Youth, Hawaiian, or Indigenous Youth %
- Youth Experiencing Homelessness %
- Youth in Foster Care %

Youth of Color %
Youth of Undocumented Families %
Youth with Disabilities %
N/A
Other. Please list:

Indicate approximately what percentage of youth who participate directly in the garden program experience food insecurity?

School's Free/Reduced Cost Lunch %
Youth from Low Income or Economically Disadvantaged Families %
N/A
Other. Please list:

In addition to the youth who participate directly in the garden program, please estimate the number of youth and adults who will indirectly (e.g. other students, parents, families, neighbors, etc.) benefit from your garden project. Enter "0" if you do not anticipate indirect youth or adult beneficiaries.

0-18 years old
Adults (18+)

If chosen as a winner for the 2022 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, will you agree to submit a year-end report by December 15, 2022, with a project summary, photos, and parental photo release forms for any recognizable youth featured in images?

Yes
No

Garden Program Description

1. Is your garden program already established (i.e., you have a pre-existing garden or have previously conducted garden programming at your site) or are you just getting started (i.e. you do not have an active garden or garden program at your site)?
Established Garden Program
New/Start-up Garden Program
2. If you have an established garden, please describe your current space (e.g. layout, dimensions of garden beds, types of plants you're growing, special features, etc.). (150-250 words)
3. If you have an established garden, what is the approximate size of your existing garden in square feet?
4. How many months of the year will you be facilitating garden-based activities?
5. What are your garden program's mission and educational goals? (150-250 words)
6. How will youth participate in garden programming (e.g. as part of a structured class or club)? Include information about how often they visit the garden and how much time they spend there (e.g. a half-hour every week). (100-250 words)
7. How do you plan to create your new garden or improve your existing garden? Please

provide details about your plans and the layout of the garden (e.g. dimensions of garden beds, garden features, walkways, learning spaces, accessibility, etc.). (150-250 words)

8. What plants will you grow? (50-100 words)
9. Is your project enrolled in the Bonnie's Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program?
Yes
No
10. What is the approximate size of your planned garden space or garden space that will be improved in square feet?
11. Indicate approximately what percentage of your planned garden space or total garden (current and improvement) will be used for the following types of gardening.
Edible %
Pollinator %
Native plant %
Other greenspace %
Other. Please list:
12. If this program includes an edible garden, how will the harvested garden produce be used? Indicate approximately, using a percentage.
Garden program activities %
Given to participants to take home %
Donated to a school meal program %
Donated to a local food agency %
N/A
Other. Please list:
13. What is the most significant benefit you hope to achieve with your garden project?
Develop a natural garden habitat for pollinators
Begin or contribute to a neighborhood revitalization or beautification movement
Provide therapeutic benefits to individuals through gardening
Create an edible garden that produces healthy food for those in need
Provide children educational opportunities in a garden or greenspace
Engage children in outdoor nature-based play spaces/activities
Other. Please list:
14. Why do you need a GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant? Please explain your need and the anticipated impact of receiving funding. (100-250 words)
15. How will you use the GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant funds? Please provide an itemized budget of how you will utilize the funding. (100-250 words)
16. Who is on your garden program's leadership team? List the individuals and the experience (i.e, lived experience, professional, horticultural, etc.) each leader contributes to your garden program? (100-250 words)
17. What existing financial or community support has your garden program received? List grants or donations you've received, prior fundraising opportunities, volunteers, etc. (100-250 words)

18. What is your maintenance plan for your garden? Include what groups or individuals will assist in the maintenance and how frequently they will be involved. In particular, if your program takes a break during the summer months, how will your garden be maintained? (100-250 words)
19. How do you plan to sustain your garden program in the future (e.g. leadership, partnerships, sources, and/or funds for plant materials, services, tools, etc.)? (100-250 words)

GroPlus Specialty Award (Optional)

The GroPlus Specialty Award, designed to fund new and existing garden programs that have greater funding needs due to, but not limited to, financial, environmental, safety, health, and regulation challenges, will provide 5 programs \$1000 in 2022 in addition to the \$500 base award.

- Are you interested in being considered for the GroPlus Specialty Award?
 - Yes
 - No
- What needs or challenges do the youth experience in your community? These should be needs or challenges experienced outside of any garden needs.
 - Financial
 - Environmental
 - Safety
 - Health
 - Regulation
 - Other. Please list:
- How does, or will, your organization use your garden program to respond to the needs or challenges faced by participating youth? (100-250 words)
- How does, or will, your organization impact youth and meet their needs in the community through garden-based learning? (100-250 words)
- How will the \$1,000 GroPlus Specialty Award funding be used? (100-250 words)

GroPride Specialty Award (Optional)

The GroPride Specialty Award, designed to fund new and existing garden programs that serve a majority of the LGBTQ+ youth, will provide 5 programs \$1000 in 2022 in addition to the \$500 base award.

- Are you interested in being considered for the GroPride Specialty Award?
 - Yes
 - No
- Do you currently engage with LGBTQ+ youth in your community?
 - Yes
 - No
- How does, or will, your organization engage with the LGBTQ+ youth community?

(100-250 words)

- How does, or will, your organization impact youth and meet their needs in the community through garden-based learning? (100-250 words)
- How will the \$1,000 GroPride Specialty Award funding be used? (100-250 words)

GroEquity Specialty Award (Optional)

The GroEquity Specialty Award, designed to fund new and existing garden programs led by people of color that serve a majority of youth of color, will provide 5 programs \$1000 in 2022 in addition to the \$500 base award.

- Are you interested in being considered for the GroEquity Specialty Award?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does the leader of your youth garden program identify as a person of color? (i.e. African American or Black; Asian or Asian American; Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin; Middle Eastern or North African; Native American or Alaska Native; and/or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; etc.)
 - Yes
 - No
- How is the leader reflective of the community they serve? (100 - 250 words)
- How does, or will, the leader and the organization impact youth and meet their needs in the community through garden-based learning? (100-250 words)
- How will the \$1,000 GroEquity Specialty Award funding be used? (100-250 words)

Attachments

20. **Verification Document.** Please attach the following document verifying your organization's tax-exempt status. For 501(c)(3) Organizations: IRS Determination Letter or Formation Document or Organization's Charter. For Schools: A letter on school district letterhead, signed by a school district official, stating that the school in question falls under the jurisdiction of the school district, a governmental entity. For Other Tax-Exempt Organizations: For other tax-exempt organizations such as government agencies, religious organizations, and Tribal governments, please provide a letter on official letterhead stating that you are designated as an automatically tax-exempt organization and thus exempt from needing a 501(c)(3) documentation to claim nonprofit status with the US government.
21. **Photos.** Please attach 2-5 photos to help us better understand what your garden site looks like or where your planned garden will be located. **There is a 1024KB limit on each photo file. Photos should be uploaded here in .jpg, .jpeg, .pdf or .png format. If your pictures are larger than that, you will need to resize them.**
22. **Map (Optional).** Please attach a map of your garden site that includes dimensions. **There is a 1024KB limit on each photo file. Files should be uploaded here in .jpg,**

.jpeg, .pdf or .png format.

23. **Letter of Support (Optional).** Please attach a one-page letter of support for your program written by someone other than the main contact. This letter can be written by an administrator, parent, or community volunteer demonstrating their support of and appreciation for your program. **There is a 1024KB limit on each photo file. Photos should be uploaded here in .jpg, .jpeg, .pdf or .png format.**

Grant Applicant Demographic Information (Optional)

We are collecting demographic information as part of an effort to ensure our grant application process is equitable. **Answers will not play a role in the grant application evaluation, nor influence winner selection.**

- I identify as... (Select all that apply)
 - African American or Black
 - Asian or Asian American
 - Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin
 - Middle Eastern or North African
 - Native American or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Not listed here or prefer to self-describe: _____
- Prefer not to answer.

Grant Conditions

By selecting "Agree" below, the organization agrees to the following grant conditions:

- To use the funds only for the designated purpose as described in the grant application and subsequent grant notification letter and not for any other purpose without prior written approval.
- To notify KidsGardening immediately of any change in (a) Organization's legal or tax status, (b) Organization's executive or key staff responsible for achieving the grant purposes, (c) Organization's ability to expend the grant for the intended purpose, and (d) any expenditure from this grant for any purpose other than those for which the grant was intended.
- To maintain books and records adequate to demonstrate that it maintained the grant funds dedicated to the purpose for which the grant is made, and to maintain records of expenditures adequate to identify the purpose for which, and how, grant funds have been expended.
- To give KidsGardening reasonable access to the grantee's files and records to make such financial audits, verifications, and investigations as it deems necessary concerning the grant, and to maintain such files and records for at least four years after completion or termination of the project.
- To not expend any grant funds for any political or lobbying activity or any purpose other than one specified in section 170 (c)(2)(b) of the Code.
- To return any unexpended funds or any portion of the grant that is not used for the purposes specified herein.

- To allow the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening to include information about this grant in periodic public reports, newsletters, news releases, social media postings, and websites. This includes the amount and purpose of the grant, any photographs you have provided, your logo or trademark, and other information and materials about your organization and its activities.
- To complete a year-end report summarizing the project promptly following the end of the period during which you are to use all grant funds. Your reports should describe your progress in achieving the purposes of the grant and include a detailed accounting of the use and expenditure of the grant funds.
- To cooperate fully with KidsGardening to assure that they can satisfy all of the requirements of an "expenditure responsibility" grant following the terms of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

The Foundation and KidsGardening reserve the right to discontinue, modify or withhold any payments under this grant award or to require a total or partial refund of any grant funds if, in KidsGardening's sole discretion, such action is necessary: (a) because you have not fully complied with the terms and conditions of this grant; (b) to protect the purpose and objectives of the grant or any other charitable activities of the Foundation or KidsGardening; or (c) to comply with the requirements of any law or regulations applicable to you, to KidsGardening, to the Foundation, or this grant.