

2023 Lots of Compassion Grant

Please note: Do not submit this document to KidsGardening. Instead, it is to help organizations prepare your application responses ahead of time before you complete the online application. Simply copy and paste your answers from this document into the online form.

For full details, eligibility information, and the link to the online form, visit our website at <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/lots-of-compassion-grant-23/>.

Eligibility Quiz

- Is your organization tax-exempt or fiscally sponsored?
 - Yes
 - No
- Is your organization a municipality, like a city, state, or federal government, or a politically-funded organization?
 - Yes
 - No
- By September 2023, will you have access to a vacant lot to start a new garden? *A vacant lot is defined as an area that is unmaintained, filled with weeds, not cared for, and not welcoming.*
 - Yes
 - No
- Do you plan to use this vacant lot to grow compassion in your community through the garden?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does the vacant lot have access to sunlight and water?
 - Yes
 - No
- Do you understand our grant funding priorities? For a list of our grant funding priorities, check out our grant landing page.
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, do you agree to interviews, site visits, and media requests from Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening?

- Yes
- No
- If chosen as a winner, will your organization be able to use all of the funds and implement programming by June 2024? *Award funds will be distributed in August 2023.*
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, do you agree to submit a year-end report by June 2024, with a project summary, photos, and photo release forms for any recognizable people featured in images?
 - Yes
 - No
- If chosen as a winner, do you agree to share an update two, three, and four years after the development of the garden?
 - Yes
 - No

For details on eligibility, please review our [grant landing page](#).

Contact Information

- Grant Applicant First Name:
- Grant Applicant Last Name:
- Grant Applicant Job Title:
- Grant Applicant Email Address:
- Confirm Grant Application Email Address:
- Grant Applicant Phone Number:
- Organization Name:
- Organization Tax ID #:

Note: All organizations must have a 501(c)(3) status or be otherwise tax-exempt to be considered for support. If your organization has not achieved 501(c)(3) or tax-exempt status, you may apply for a Lots of Compassion Grant by partnering with a fiscal sponsor who has achieved this status.

- Organization Address:

- Vacant Lot Garden Name:
- Vacant Lot Address:

Background Information

- Has your program received a grant from KidsGardening before?
 - Yes
 - No
- If yes, which grant(s) and what year(s)?
- Which of the following best describes your organization or group?
 - Nonprofit organization
 - School (Public, Private, Charter, Head Start, Child Care, etc.)
 - University
 - Religious Organization
 - Group
 - Other: _____
- What is your organization or group's mission? (300 characters)
- What funding and grants have your organization or group received within the last two years? List the funding organization, amount, and year the funding was received. (300 characters)
- Who will lead your garden installation and future garden programming? Please list their names, roles, and affiliations. (300 characters)
- How many people from each age group do you estimate will participate directly in the garden program? Enter "0" if you do not anticipate any people in the age category. (Number)
 - Youth (Ages 0 - 18)
 - Adults (Ages 18+)
- What are the demographics of your target audience? If you do not know this information, you may use your zipcode's demographic information from the [US Census Data](#) or another reputable source. (Number)
 - African American or Black People %
 - Asian or Asian American People %
 - Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin People %
 - Middle Eastern or North African People %
 - Native American or Alaska Native People %
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander People %
 - Biracial or Multiracial %

- White %
 - Migrant Worker Families %
 - Refugee Families %
 - Undocumented Families %
 - People who Speak Multiple Languages %
 - Justice-involved People %
 - LGBTQ+ People %
 - People Experiencing Homelessness %
 - People with Disabilities %
- Does your target audience experience food insecurity? If you do not know this information, you may use your zipcode's demographic information from the [US Census Data](#) or your nearby school district's free and reduced lunch rate. (Number)
 - Nearby School's Free and Reduced Lunch Rate %
 - Low-Income/Poverty %
 - What is the total square footage of your lot? (Number)
 - What is the square footage of your planned garden space? (Number)
 - How many months of the year will the garden be used (activities, classes, meetings, programming, etc.)? (Number)

Garden Information

In this section, we want to learn more about your organization's interest in transforming vacant lots into gardens for community growth. You can submit responses of 1,000 characters maximum per question.

1. Why would your organization like to transform a vacant lot into a garden? (1,000 characters)
2. What needs, gaps, or challenges does your community experience that this grant will help address? e.g., financial challenges, environmental issues, safety concerns, health challenges, lack of community support, or regulatory hurdles. (1,000 characters)
3. What does the vacant lot look like? Please describe the landscape. e.g., water access, sunlight, soil type, nearby buildings, walkways, etc. (1,000 characters)
4. What will your proposed garden include? Describe the garden growing spaces and features. e.g., raised beds/in-ground, learning spaces, structures, types of plants, etc. (1,000 characters)

5. How and when will the garden be built? Please list your anticipated work plan activities for September 2023 - June 2024. (1,000 characters)
6. How will your garden help to grow compassion in your community? (1,000 characters)
7. How will you use the grant funds? Provide a detailed itemized budget for utilizing the \$20,000 funding. How will you secure additional funds if your project requires more funding? (1,000 characters)
8. How will the community support your garden? e.g., volunteers, donations, partnerships, etc. (1,000 characters)
9. What is the maintenance plan for your garden in the fall, winter, spring, and summer? (1,000 characters)
10. How will you sustain your initiative over time? (1,000 characters)

Attachments

- **Verification Document (Required).** Please attach a document verifying your organization's tax-exempt status. *If you have trouble uploading photos or videos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.*
 - For 501(c)(3) Organizations: IRS Determination Letter or proof of fiscal sponsorship.
 - For Schools: A letter on school district letterhead, signed by a school district official, stating that the school in question falls under the school district's jurisdiction.
 - For Other Tax-Exempt Organizations: For other tax-exempt organizations such as religious organizations, 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.
 - Fiscal Sponsorship: Submit your sponsor's IRS Determination Letter and a signed contract detailing the fiscal sponsorship relationship between your organizations.
- **Survey or Scale Map of the Vacant Lot (Required).** Please attach a survey or scale map of the vacant lot. If you do not currently have this information, search for the address of your lot on [Google Earth](#), [Google Maps](#), or request the digital land records or parcel map information from your city. This is often available on your city's website. *If you have trouble uploading photos or videos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.*

- **Proof of Vacant Land Use Rights / Ownership (Required).** Attach a letter of commitment from the land owner or proof of land ownership. Examples of proof of land ownership include but are not limited to, a land deed, tax bill, etc. *If you have trouble uploading photos or videos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.*
- **Photos or Videos (Required).** Please attach 3-5 photos or videos of the proposed garden site or provide a link to the files below. *Note: .heic files are not supported. If you have trouble uploading photos or videos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.*
- **Letters of Support (Optional).** Attach a one-page letter of support for your project written by a community partner or another organization involved in the project demonstrating their support for your organization. *If you have trouble uploading photos or videos, you may email them to grants@kidsgardening.org.*

Newsletter

By applying for this grant, I agree to receive communications from KidsGardening.

- Yes
- No

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