

2025 KidsGardening Grant Opportunities Common Application Questions

Please note: Do not submit this document to KidsGardening. Instead, it is to help your organization 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/>.

Overview

Para aplicar en español, haga clic en el botón “English (US)” y cámbielo a “Spanish”.

KidsGardening has streamlined its grant application process, and applicants can now apply for multiple grants at the same time using this form, the Common Application.

The 2025 Common Application can be used to apply for the Youth Garden Grant and the GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant.

2025 Youth Garden Grant: Since 1982, the Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for youth and their communities. In early 2025, fifty organizations will be awarded \$500 in funding for their youth garden program. The deadline for application submission is Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm PT.

2025 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant: The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, brought to you by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening, is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. In 2025, 170 programs will receive \$500 - \$1,500 in funding. The deadline for application submission is Friday, January 31, 2025, at 11:59 pm PT.

Application Deadlines:

- Combined Submission (Youth Garden Grant and GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant): Friday, December 13, at 11:59 pm PT
- Individual Submission for Youth Garden Grant: Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm PT
- Individual Submission for GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant: Friday, January 31, 2025, at 11:59 pm PT.

All applicants will be added to KidsGardening’s mailing list.

Please contact KidsGardening’s Grant Program Director, Sarah Lane, at grants@kidsgardening.org if you have any additional questions.

Eligibility Quiz

Is your organization tax-exempt or not tax-exempt? Tax exemption is not required for all grant opportunities. Organizations must be based in the United States or U.S. Territories.

- Tax-exempt (ex: schools, nonprofits, governments, Tribal, etc.)
- Not tax-exempt

Did your organization receive a grant from KidsGardening in 2023 or 2024? Examples include Budding Botanist, Youth Garden Grant, GroMoreGood Grassroots, and Lots of Compassion.

- Yes
- No

What type of community is your organization located in?

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

How much total grant funding did your organization receive for your garden program in 2023 and 2024? Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.

- \$0
- \$1 - \$999
- \$1,000 - \$4,999
- \$5,000 - \$9,999
- \$10,000+

List the funding organization, amount, and year the funding was received. Write N/A if no funding. (150 words maximum)

How many youth from each age group do you estimate will participate directly in the garden program? Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested. Note: Every cell must be filled in.

	Number of Direct Participants
Ages 0-4 (Preschool)	
Ages 5-10 (Elementary)	
Ages 11-13 (Middle/Junior High)	
Ages 14-18 (High)	

What are the identities of the youth in your program? Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested. Note: Every row must have an answer.

	0-24%	25-49%	50-89%	90-100%
African American or Black %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian American %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle Eastern or North African %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native American or Alaska Native %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biracial or Multiracial %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
White %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children of Migrant Worker Families %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children of Refugee Families %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children of Undocumented Families %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth who Speak Multiple Languages %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth in the Justice System %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth with Incarcerated Family Members %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGBTQ+ Youth %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Experiencing Homelessness %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth in Foster Care %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth with Disabilities %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do the youth who participate directly in the garden program experience food insecurity? If yes, indicate what type of data you will provide.

- Yes, School’s Free/Reduced Cost Lunch %
- Yes, Census or City Data for Low Income or Economically Disadvantaged Families %
- No

If, Census or City Data for Low Income or Economically Disadvantaged Families %. Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.

	0-39%	40-64%	65-100%
Census or City Data for Low Income or Economically Disadvantaged Families %			

If you are a school, what is your Free/Reduced Cost lunch rate. If you are an organization, what is a nearby school's rate? Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.

	0-39%	40-64%	65-100%
School's Free/Reduced Cost Lunch %			

If chosen as a grant winner, will your organization use the funds and implement programming within a year?

- Yes
- No

If chosen as a grant winner, do you agree to submit a grant-end report within a year with a project summary, photos, and parental photo release forms for any recognizable youth featured in images?

- Yes
- No

Eligibility Results

Depending on your answers, the following messages will populate:

- Based on your answers, you are not eligible for KidsGardening's grants in the 2025 grant cycle. For details on eligibility, please review our grant landing page.
- Thank you for taking the time to fill out the eligibility survey. Based on your responses, your program only partially aligns with our funding priorities. You are eligible to apply; however, programs with higher demonstrated need will align more closely with our funding priorities and therefore are more likely to be funded. For details on our funding priorities, including how we measure need, please review our grant landing page.
- You are eligible for the 2025 Youth Garden Grant. Since 1982, the Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for youth and their communities. In early 2025, fifty organizations will be awarded \$500 in funding for their youth garden program. The deadline for application submission is Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm PT. Would you like to apply for it?
 - Yes
 - No

- You are eligible for the 2025 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant. The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, brought to you by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening, is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. In 2025, 170 programs will receive \$500 - \$1,500 in funding. The deadline for application submission is Friday, January 31, 2025, at 11:59 pm PT.. Would you like to apply for it?
 - Yes
 - No

- By selecting to apply to both the Youth Garden Grant and GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, I understand that the deadline is Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm PT.
 - Yes, I understand

Contact and Background Information

- Grant Applicant First Name:
- Grant Applicant Last Name:
- Grant Applicant Job Title:
- Grant Applicant Email Address:
- Confirm Grant Application Email Address:
- Email Communication: I understand that by applying for the grant opportunity, my email will be shared with KidsGardening for communication about this grant and other related opportunities.
- Grant Applicant Phone Number:
- Organization Type
 - Public School
 - Private School
 - Charter School
 - Nonprofit Agency
 - Community Garden
 - Preschool
 - Head Start
 - Child Care/Day Care
 - Garden Club
 - Summer Camp
 - YMCA
 - Library
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - Boys Scouts or Girl Scouts
 - Kiwanis Club
 - Other: _____
- Organization Name:
- Organization Address:
- Garden Program Name:
- Has your organization applied for and/or received a grant from KidsGardening before?

- Yes, applied and received a grant
- Yes, applied but did not receive a grant
- No
- Other: _____

If yes, what grant(s) and what year(s)?

What needs and challenges do youth in your community have? These should be outside of any garden needs and may include but are not limited to financial, and environmental issues, safety concerns, health challenges, community support, or regulatory hurdles. (250 words maximum)

Garden Information

1. Will you start a new garden or improve an existing garden?

- New Garden
- Existing Garden

If you have an existing garden, please describe your current garden, such as dimensions of garden beds, garden features, walkways, learning spaces, accessibility, etc. (250 words maximum)

2. How many months of the year will the garden be used (activities, classes, meetings, programming, etc.)?

3. What are your garden program's mission and educational goals? (250 words maximum)

4. How will youth participate in the garden? How often will they visit, and in what format (club, class, etc.)? (250 words maximum)

5. How do you plan to create a new garden or improve your existing garden? Describe the garden growing spaces and features. e.g., raised beds/in-ground, learning spaces, structures, types of plants, etc. (250 words maximum)

6. How will you spend the \$500 grant funds? Please provide an itemized budget. If your project requires more funding, how will you secure the additional funds? Additional funding questions specific to the grant are on the next page. (250 words maximum)

7. Who is on your garden program's leadership team? List their names, professional role, and lived experiences related to the garden program. (250 words maximum)

8. How will the community support your garden? e.g., volunteers, donations, partnerships, etc. (250 words maximum)

9. What is the maintenance plan for your garden in the fall, winter, spring, and summer, and who is responsible for maintenance during each season? (250 words maximum)

10. How will you sustain the garden program over time? (250 words maximum)

Grant Specific Questions

2025 Youth Garden Grant

The Youth Garden Grant has an additional funding opportunity: The Crescent Garden Container Gardening Award. The award will provide five winners with a container gardening supply package, valued at \$1,775.

Questions? Refer to the grant landing page.

1. Are you interested in being considered for the Crescent Garden Container Gardening Award?

2. What will you teach about container gardening and how do you plan to use the container gardening supply package? For a list of items included in the supply package, visit the grant landing page. (250 words maximum)

2025 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant

The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant has additional funding opportunities through the following specialty award categories:

- Plus 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. The award will provide five programs an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$1,500 in funding.
- Pride Specialty Award: Designed to fund new and existing garden programs that serve a majority of LGBTQ+ youth. The award will provide five programs an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$1,500 in funding.
- Equity Specialty Award: Designed to fund new and existing garden programs led by people of color that serve a majority of youth of color. The award will provide five programs an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$1,500 in funding.

Questions? Refer to the grant landing page.

1. 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 students or community members in need
- Provide children with educational opportunities in a garden or greenspace
- Engage children in outdoor nature-based play spaces/activities

2. Are you interested in being considered for a specialty award? (Select all)

- Yes, the Plus Specialty Award
- Yes, the Pride Specialty Award
- Yes, the Equity Specialty Award
- No

If yes, the Plus Specialty Award:

1. Does your community face significant financial, environmental, safety, health, regulation, and/or other needs and challenges?
2. What are the significant needs and challenges, and how is your organization equipped to meet these needs and challenges? (250 words maximum)
3. How will the new or improved garden/greenspace and garden programming respond to the needs, gaps, or challenges faced by participating youth? (250 words maximum)
4. How will you use the \$1,000 Plus Specialty Award funds? (250 words maximum)

If yes, the Pride Specialty Award:

1. Do you currently engage with LGBTQ+ youth in your community?
2. How does, or will, your organization engage with the LGBTQ+ youth community? (250 words maximum)
3. How will the new or improved garden/greenspace and garden programming engage LGBTQ+ youth? (250 words maximum)
4. How will you use the \$1,000 Pride Specialty Award funds? (250 words maximum)

If yes, the Equity Specialty Award:

1. 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; Biracial/Multi-racial, etc.)
2. How is the leader reflective of the community they serve? (250 words maximum)
3. How will the new or improved garden/greenspace and gardening programming engage youth of color? (250 words maximum)
4. How will you use the \$1,000 Equity Specialty Award funds? (250 words maximum)

3. Grant Conditions

- I agree

By selecting "Agree" below, my 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.

Required Attachments

1. Photos or Videos (Required). Attach 3-5 photos or videos of the garden site or provide a link to the files below.

- Upload
- Link

2. Verification Document (Required for GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant). Please attach the following document verifying your organization's tax-exempt status.

- Upload

- Link

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.

Optional Attachments

1. Garden Sketch, Land Survey or Scale Map (Optional). Please attach a garden sketch, land survey, or scale map of the space. If you do not currently have this information, search for the address of your lot on Google Earth or Google Maps, or request the digital land records or parcel map information from your city.

- Upload
- Link

2. 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.

- Upload
- Link

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 one)

- African American or Black
- Native American, Indigenous, or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Hispanic, Latine/LatinX, or Spanish Origin
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Biracial or Multi-racial
- White

If biracial or multi-racial, would you like to elaborate? (Select all)

- 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
- Other: _____