

2027 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/>.

PAGE 1: 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.

If you have questions or would like to view the application questions ahead of time, visit the [grant landing pages](#) to download the questions in a PDF or DOC format.

Please contact KidsGardening Grant Program Director Sarah Lane at grants@kidsgardening.org with any additional questions.

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

We recognize that applicants may use AI tools to draft their application. If AI is used, applicants are responsible for ensuring all information is accurate and correctly represents their organization, program, and planned outcomes. Inaccurate or misleading information may result in loss of funding.

Application Deadlines

- Waterwise Garden Grant: Friday, October 2, 2026, at 11:59 pm PT
- Youth Garden Grant: Friday, December 11, 2026, at 11:59 pm PT
- GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant: Friday, Feb 5, 2027, at 11:59 pm PT

Grant Information

Waterwise Garden Grant: Now in its third year, the [Waterwise Garden Grant](#)—a collaboration between Hunter Industries and KidsGardening— will support K-12 public and charter schools that want to use gardens to teach about water conservation, water stewardship, and responsible water management.

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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. 120 programs will receive \$750 - \$1,500 in funding.

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PAGE 2: Eligibility Quiz

Is your organization tax-exempt, or are you partnering with a fiscal sponsor that has achieved tax-exempt status? 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, etc.) or partnering with a fiscal sponsor that has achieved tax-exempt status
- Not tax-exempt

If tax-exempt, is your organization a public or charter elementary, middle, or high school?

- Yes
- No

Did your organization receive a grant from KidsGardening in 2025 or 2026? Examples include: Waterwise Garden, Youth Garden, GroMoreGood Grassroots, Lots of Compassion, and Growing the Future Intergenerational Garden.

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

If chosen as a grantee, do you agree to submit a brief year-end report with a short narrative about the impact of the garden program, three to five photos or videos of the garden or garden

programming, and parental release forms to accompany images of children? A reporting form will be emailed to the grantees.

- Yes
- No

What type of community is the garden located in?

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

How much total grant funding did your organization receive specifically for your garden program in 2026 so far? Applicants should be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested.

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

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

How many people 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; enter 0 if not applicable.

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

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%	50-74%	75-100%	N/A or Unknown
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 %	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Biracial or Multiracial %	☐	☐	☐	☐	
White %	☐	☐	☐	☐	
LGBTQ+ Youth %	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Youth with Disabilities %	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Are any of the youth in your program English-language learners, migrants, refugees, undocumented, incarcerated or in the justice system, unhoused/homeless, or in foster care?

- Yes
- No

If yes, approximately what percentage of participants fit this description?

	0-24%	25-49%	50-74%	75-100%
English-language learners, migrants, refugees, undocumented, incarcerated or in the justice system, unhoused/homeless, or in foster care %	☐	☐	☐	☐

What percentage of the youth who will participate directly in the garden program experience food insecurity? Select the type of data you would like to provide.

- Census, Persons in Poverty %
- School's Free/Reduced Cost Lunch %

If Census, Persons in Poverty % - Navigate to <https://data.census.gov/> and type into the search bar "poverty rate in [your zip code]" to find the %.

	0-9%	10-20%	21+%
Census: Persons in Poverty %			

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 %			

Eligibility Results

Depending on your answers, the following messages might show:

- Based on your answers, you are not eligible for KidsGardening's grants in the 2027 grant cycle. For details on eligibility, please review our [grant landing pages](#).
- 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 pages](#).
- You are eligible for the 2027 Waterwise Garden Grant. Now in its third year, the [Waterwise Garden Grant](#)—a collaboration between Hunter Industries and KidsGardening— will support K-12 public and charter schools that want to use gardens to teach about water conservation, water stewardship, and responsible water management. Fifty schools will be awarded \$1,000 – \$2,250 in funding and an irrigation supply kit valued at \$500. Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2026, at 11:59 pm PT. Would you like to apply for it?
 - Yes
 - No
- You are eligible for the 2027 Youth Garden Grant. Since 1982, KidsGardening's [Youth Garden Grant](#) has helped more than 5,700 under-resourced schools and youth organizations create and maintain gardens where kids learn, grow, and connect with their communities. It is the longest-running youth garden grant program of its kind in the country. KidsGardening will award \$750 to 30-50 school and youth educational garden programs depending on funds raised. Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2026, at 11:59 pm PT. Would you like to apply for it?
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 - No
- You are eligible for the 2027 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. 120 programs will receive \$750 - \$1,500 in funding. Deadline: Friday, Feb 5, 2027, at 11:59 pm PT. Would you like to apply for it?

- Yes
 - No
- By selecting to apply to multiple grants, I understand that I must apply by the earliest deadline date.
 - Yes, I understand

PAGE 3: Organization 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:
- Director or Secondary Contact First Name:
- Director or Secondary Contact Last Name:
- Director or Secondary Contact Email:
- Director or Secondary Contact Phone Number:
- Organization Name:
- Organization Address:
- Organization Type
 - Public School
 - Charter School
 - Private School
 - Preschool
 - Head Start
 - Child Care/Day Care
 - Nonprofit Agency
 - YMCA
 - Boys & Girls Club
 - Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts
 - Garden Club
 - Community Garden
 - Summer Camp
 - Kiwanis Club
 - City, County, State Government
 - Library
 - Juvenile Justice System (detention, correction, court, etc.)
 - Religious Organization

- University
 - Organization Partnering with a Fiscal Sponsor
 - Other: _____
- Organization Tax ID #:
 - Verification Document: Attach your verification document or provide a link to the files below.
 - Upload
 - Link

Tax-Exempt Verification Document Needed	
Public School	Letter on school district letterhead, signed by a school district official, stating that the school in question falls under the school district's jurisdiction.
Charter School	
Private School	IRS Determination Letter.
Preschool	
Head Start	
Child Care/Day Care	
Nonprofit Agency	
YMCA	
Boys & Girls Club	
Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts	
Garden Club	
Community Garden	
Summer Camp	
Kiwanis Club	
City, County, State Government	Letter on official letterhead stating that you are designated as an automatically tax-exempt organization and thus exempt from needing 501(c)(3) documentation to claim nonprofit status with the US government.
Library	
Juvenile Justice System (detention, correction, court, etc.)	
Religious Organization	

University	
Fiscal Sponsor	Sponsor's IRS Determination Letter <u>and</u> a signed contract detailing the fiscal sponsorship relationship between your organizations.

DO NOT SUBMIT: website links, EIN letters, W-9s, and state sales tax certificates. They will not be accepted.

- Has your organization applied for and/or received a grant from KidsGardening before?
 - Yes, applied and received a grant
 - If yes, what grant(s) and what year(s)?
 - Yes, applied but did not receive a grant
 - No
 - Other: _____
- What needs, gaps, and/or challenges do your participants and community experience? (150 words maximum)

PAGE 4: Garden Information

- Garden Program Name:
- Is this a new garden or an existing garden?
 - New Garden (first growing space on property)
 - 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).
- Photos (Required). Attach 3-5 up-to-date photos of the garden site or provide a link to the files below.
 - I would like to upload the photos
 - I would like to provide a link to the photos
- How many months of the year will the garden be used (activities, classes, meetings, programming, etc.)? (Number)
- What are your garden program's mission and educational goals? (150 words maximum)
- What are your plans to create a new garden or improve the existing garden? (150 words maximum)
- How will youth participate in the garden, and how often? (150 words maximum)
- How will you use the \$750 - \$1,000 grant funds? Provide an itemized budget. (250 words maximum)
- Does your project require more funding than these grant funds?
 - Yes
 - If your project requires more funding, how much more do you need, and how will you secure the additional funds? (150 words maximum)
 - No

- Who is on your garden program's leadership team? List their names, garden roles, and related experiences.

	Name	Garden Role	Related Experience
Leader 1			
Leader 2, if applicable			
Leader 3, if applicable			
Leader 4, if applicable			
Leader 5, if applicable			

- How will the community support your garden? List the names of the specific people and organizations.

	Type (Person or Org)	Name	Support Provided
Community Partner 1			
Community Partner 2, if applicable			
Community Partner 3, if applicable			
Community Partner 4, if applicable			
Community Partner 5, if applicable			

- How will you care for the garden seasonally, during breaks, and year-over-year? (150 words maximum)

PAGE 5: Grant-Specific Questions

Waterwise Garden Grant

Questions? Refer to the [grant landing page](#).

1. How will you use the garden to teach about water conservation, water stewardship, and responsible water management? (150 words maximum)

Irrigation Supply Kit: The irrigation supply kit provides enough materials for three 4' x 8' raised beds, or an equivalent garden with different dimensions. It includes a timer, pressure regulator adapter, pressure regulator, 100-foot roll of irrigation tubing, 100-foot roll of emitter irrigation tubing, elbows/tees/couplers, end caps, and a tube cutting knife.

2. What type of irrigation supply kit would you like?

- The provided irrigation supply kit:
- A custom irrigation kit

If a custom option, who is the irrigation specialist on your team and what supplies do you need? (150 words maximum)

3. Why does your program need an irrigation supply kit? (150 words maximum)

Waterwise Garden Equity Specialty Award: Designed to fund programs that have greater funding needs. The award will provide ten programs with an additional \$1,250, for a total of \$2,250 in funding and the irrigation supply kit.

4. Would you like to apply for the Waterwise Garden Equity Specialty Award?

- Yes
- No

If yes, the Waterwise Garden Equity Specialty Award:

1. Why does your program need the additional \$1,250 Equity Specialty Award funds? (150 words maximum)
2. How will you use the additional \$1,250 Equity Specialty Award funds? Provide an itemized budget. (250 words maximum)

Youth Garden Grant Questions

Questions? Refer to the [grant landing page](#).

The Youth Garden Grant has an additional funding opportunity: The Crescent Garden Container Gardening Award. The award will provide five grantees with a container gardening supply package, valued at \$1,970.

Do you want to apply for the Crescent Garden Container Gardening Award?

- Yes
- No

If yes, the Crescent Garden Container Gardening Award:

- How will the container gardening package meet your garden program's needs and goals? Why is container gardening a key component of your garden program? (150 words maximum)

GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant Questions

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

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 regulatory challenges.
- Pride Specialty Award: Designed to fund new and existing garden programs that serve a majority of LGBTQ+ youth.
- Equity Specialty Award: Designed to fund new and existing garden programs led by people of color that serve a majority of youth of color.

A total of 15 grantees will be given an additional \$750 each.

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, regulatory, and/or other needs and challenges?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
2. What are the significant needs and challenges, and how is your organization equipped to meet these needs and challenges? (150 words maximum)
3. How will you use the \$750 Plus Specialty Award funds? Provide an itemized budget. (250 words maximum)

If yes, the Pride Specialty Award:

1. Do you currently engage with LGBTQ+ youth in your community?

- i. Yes
 - ii. No
2. How will the new or improved garden/greenspace and garden programming engage LGBTQ+ youth? (150 words maximum)
3. How will you use the \$750 Pride Specialty Award funds? Provide an itemized budget. (250 words maximum)

If yes, the Equity Specialty Award:

1. Do the leader(s) 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.)
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
2. How is the leader reflective of the community they serve, and how will the new or improved garden/greenspace and gardening programming engage youth of color? (150 words maximum)
3. How will you use the \$750 Equity Specialty Award funds? Provide an itemized budget. (250 words maximum)

Grant Conditions

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.

3. Grant Conditions

- I agree

PAGE 6: Optional Attachments

- 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
- Video (Optional). Attach a video or provide a link to the file below, quickly showing the garden(1-minute maximum).
 - Upload
 - Link
- 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

PAGE 7: 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 grantee selection.

This question is optional. If you do not want to answer it, please leave it blank.

I identify as... (Optional, 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: _____