**Gwinnett County Master Gardener Association**

**2023 Grant Application Information**

The Gwinnett County Master Gardener Association (GCMGA) awards project grants up to $500 for horticultural activities that beautify and/or improve the ecosystem of Gwinnett County or educate the citizens of Gwinnett County in proper horticultural practices.

**Does your request qualify for GCMGA Grant consideration? Use this checklist to find out:**

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|  | Project Leader is a Master Gardener and current GCMGA member who will pay 2023 dues no later than February 28, 2023.  |
|  | Members may submit one application per year per location. |
|  | Project will beautify and/or improve the ecosystem of Gwinnett County or educate the citizens of Gwinnett County in proper horticultural practices.  |
|  | Project location is in Gwinnett County. If not on County-owned property, written permission of property owner has been obtained (includes City-owned properties). Copy must be attached. |
|  | Project location provides *free* public access and is not owned by a for-profit organization. |
|  | Project has realistic goals and objectives and a written plan for continued maintenance. |
|  | A plan is in place to document project progress and completion with budget, pictures and narrative. |
|  | A grant sign (provided by GCMGA) will be displayed at the site. |

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**Project Leader Responsibilities**

* Submit project proposal with required attachments by Friday, January 20th, 2023 deadline.
* Submit Extension Office (EO) Project Form to EO if project is to qualify for Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV) hours.
* Complete and submit, to the Grant Chair all receipts and a GCMGA Expense Reimbursement Request Form for the Grant Project no later than November 15th, 2023.
* Submit to the Grant Chair, a written narrative (maximum 2 pages) of the completed project with up to four “before and after” photos by November 15th, 2023. No google links for the report are accepted. Make a project poster by January 31st which can be displayed at 2024 Plant Sale and meetings.
* If requested, provide a 5-10 minute presentation on the Grant Project at a GCMGA meeting within 12 months of the project completion.
* Funding of any expenses in excess of the grant or not approved by GCMGA grant.
* Meet all of the above responsibilities in order to be eligible for future consideration for project grants.

**Plants and Materials Considered for Funding**

* Perennial plants, vegetable seeds or vegetable transplants, and shrubs.
* Materials for raised beds (lumber, timbers, soil etc.) and rain barrels.
* Soil amendments, fertilizer, mulch, and planting materials to establish or refurbish agarden.
* Watering timers. Drip irrigation installation or replacement in community gardens.
* Educational materials such as books for libraries, pamphlets, teaching materials, educational signage, plant ID signage.

**Items NOT Considered for Funding**

* Plants listed by Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council (www.gaeppc.org) as invasive plants in Categories 1, 1 Alert, 2 or 3.
* Hand tools, power equipment, wheelbarrows, tillers, gloves, annual flowers, annual flower seeds and pesticides.
* Sheds, arbors, walls, fences, trellises, terraces, signage (other than plant ID or educational signage).
* Benches, decorative plant containers, birdbaths and feeders, cement walkways, dry stream beds and any decorative hardscape.
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