Native Habitat Steward Grant

Wild Ones Columbus is excited to offer the Habitat Steward Grant offering up to $5,000 to nonprofit organizations aligned to the Wild Ones vision of “native plants and natural landscapes thriving in every community”. Applicants should demonstrate the need and ability to carry out habitat improvement projects in the Central Ohio area.

Eligibility:

Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

Applicants must complete the application online, including a detailed implementation plan and budget request between $1,000 and $5,000. Grant funds will be distributed by WOC on a quarterly basis. To receive funds, grant recipients must submit receipts and documentation of progress.

Potential projects may include (but are not limited to):

- Native tree and plant installations
- Pollinator habitats
- Rain gardens
- Green infrastructure
- Habitat improvement
- Invasive species removal
- Streambank and riparian zone stabilization using native vegetation.

Eligible expenses include:

Materials, tools, or native plants needed to implement the project.

Signage, outreach and education materials, and design costs may be requested but may not exceed 20% of funded amount. Ineligible expenses include administrative costs, food, non-native plants and other items deemed inappropriate by WOC grant review committee.

The following criteria will be considered when evaluating your project:

- Connection to the Wild Ones mission and vision
- Plan to implement the project
- Environmental improvements and ecological benefits
- Community impact and visibility
- Sustainability and long-term success of project
- Cost efficiency (impact of the project relative to the funds requested)

How to apply:

Visit the web page: columbus.wildones.org/wild-ones-columbus-grants/ and view the instructions on how to apply under the **Native Habitat Steward Grant** column.

Important Information

Grant applications are reviewed by the Wild Ones Columbus (WOC) Grant Committee with final approval by the WOC Board of Directors.

Application deadline: February 1.

Award notification: by March 1.

Quarterly deadlines:

July 1, 2027
October 1, 2027
January 1, 2028
April 1, 2028 (Final report)

To receive funding for a quarter*, the following must be submitted by the quarterly deadline:

1. Receipts
2. Progress report
3. Before and most recent photo

*A request for partial payment can be submitted.

No funding extensions will be granted.
No funds will be available after the payments are distributed.

Submit your scanned receipts and progress report to [email address TBD]

About Us:
Wild Ones is a nonprofit, environmental education and advocacy organization that promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. The Columbus chapter of Wild Ones was founded in 1993.