Native Pollinator Garden Grant

The Mission of Wild Ones is to promote native landscapes through education, advocacy and collaborative action. Wild Ones Columbus (WOC) has established a Native Plant Garden Grant to support native plantings that will improve public spaces.

Eligibility

Open to individuals or groups.

Projects must be native plantings at schools, parks, libraries, businesses and other public facing locations. This may include private property if it is part of a collaborative effort and public facing. For example, a neighborhood group collaborates on a pollinator pathway and uses a corridor of front yard pollinator gardens to provide a visible example to the community.

This grant is not intended for individual homeowner projects. Homeowners interested in native plantings may be eligible for rebate programs offered through their County Soil and Water Conservation District. Please contact your local district for more information.

Requirements

- Receipts for native plant purchases are required (see approved vendor list below).
- “Before” and “After” photographs are required.
- By accepting the award, the applicant agrees to allow Wild Ones to use project photos on the WOC website, social media, and publications.
- Installations must be completed by October 31 to be eligible for reimbursement. Extensions will not be granted.

Funding

Awards are in the amounts of $100, $250, or $500. This is a competitive process, and awards are based on project size, community impact, project sustainability, and alignment with WOC mission. Each applicant is limited to one award per calendar year.

The award is provided as a reimbursement at project completion.

Timeline

- Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 1.
- Applicants will be notified by April 1.
- Installations must be completed by October 31.
- Deadline for submitting receipts and photos is December 31.

Steps

1. View/download the application to review the questions.
2. Apply online.
3. Await a response from WOC for approval and the award amount.
4. Take “before” photos
5. Purchase native plants and complete the project.
6. Take “after” photos
7. Submit “before” and “after” photos of the project site, along with the original receipt(s) for the native plant purchases. Please note:
    - Projects lacking documentation will not be reimbursed.
    - Deadline for submitting receipts and photos is December 31. No extensions will be granted.
8. Applicant receives a reimbursement check from WOC.

Native Plant Vendor List

Our chapter supports purchasing native plants from local native nurseries. Other nurseries that carry native plants may use neonicotinoids that are harmful to pollinators. Please check with WOC first if planning to purchase from a local native plant vendor not on below list.

- Leaves for Wildlife (plant sale partner) – Sunbury, OH
- Monarch Meadows Native Plant Nursery (plant sale partner) – Pataskala, OH
- Natives in Harmony (plant sale partner) – Marengo, OH
- OPN Seed (Ohio Prairie Nursery) – Native Seed Mixes
- Riverside Native Perennials – Delaware, OH
- Scioto Gardens Nursery (plant sale partner) – Delaware, OH
- Soil & Water Conservation District annual plant sales (natives only) – usually Jan-Mar order
- Sunny Glen Garden – Columbus, OH
- Wild Ones Columbus Annual Native Plant Sale (late May) – Columbus, OH

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.