

2026 Community Project Grant Guidelines



The Henry County Master Gardeners Volunteer Program (HCMG) provides two funding opportunities to support initiatives that educate and engage youth and adults in gardening and horticulture. These grants aim to foster a deeper understanding of environmental stewardship and connection with nature while enhancing the quality of life for Henry County residents through sustainable gardening practices and community involvement.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT (up to \$750) - Eligibility

- The applicant must be a school, nonprofit, or community-based organization in Henry County.
- If your group is not registered with the State of Georgia (for example, a neighborhood or community-led garden), you must have a Fiscal Sponsor. A Fiscal Sponsor is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit or public institution that agrees to receive the grant funds on your behalf. The sponsor does not have to be located in Henry County.
- If no Master Gardener is identified, we'll assign one **upon grant award**.
- The applicant has not submitted any other grant application to HCMG during the calendar year.

Application Checklist: The online application will require answers to the following questions.

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1. Applicant name and contact information.
2. Applicants are encouraged to partner with an active HCMG. If an HCMG is already supporting the project, a letter of support is welcomed and strengthens the application. If not, someone will be assigned if the grant is awarded.
3. Applicant status. (Are you a 501c3 nonprofit organization?)
4. Fiscal Agent name and contact info (if needed).
5. Project title and overview (50 words or less).
6. Project location (If you do not own the property, a document must be submitted that permits you to use the property for the grant project).
7. Proposed project start and completion date.
8. Project narrative (1500 words or less). (See details for writing an effective project narrative [here.](#))
9. Detailed budget (See detailed budget description and example [here](#)). Note: If the budget exceeds the grant request, explain how the additional costs will be covered. This could include details about other funding sources, in-kind donations, or contributions to ensure the project's financial needs are fully met.

Documents required for upload:

- Henry County Master Gardener letter of support. ([Download Template](#))
- Fiscal Agent Agreement (If needed, [Download Template](#))
- Written approval of the property owner or lease agreement (if you do not own the property).

Grantee Requirements:

If awarded, the grantee must submit a report and pictures within 30 days of the project's completion.

Grant Timetable:

Grant applications are accepted from February through August and reviewed on a rolling basis. Grants are non-competitive and awarded based on project merit and availability of funds.

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