

## 2025 Garden for Nature Grant Application: The Questions

- 1) Briefly describe your proposed project. 2-3 sentences is sufficient.
- 2) Describe the Project Location: (1) If on the property of the applying organization, where on the property will it be located? If elsewhere, provide the address and enough description that we are able to pinpoint the location, (2) What are the approximate dimensions of the project? (3) What is the soil/ground like? (4) How much sun does it get (hours/day, morning only, all day, etc.)? (5) How moist does the soil get/remain after rain?
- 3) If your project encompasses multiple areas, include details from question 3 for each area.
- 4) What is the total square footage you will be planting?
- 5) Planting the Garden: (1) If you are not the land owner, do you have permission to implement this project? (2) Who will do the planting? (3) Will the wider community be involved? If yes, how? (4) Will any youth be involved? If yes, what is the age range? (5) If the garden location is a school, who will care for it when school is not in session?
- 6) Maintenance: (1) What is the basic plan to take care of the garden? (2) How will you water the plants during the first year of establishment? (3) How much time and labor can you commit to ongoing maintenance (i.e. weeding)? (4) How will you assure continuity if the project coordinator leaves?
- 7) Assuming grants are awarded in late-April, what is your timetable to complete the project? Planting the plants, preparing the ground, building any structures, recruiting volunteers, obtaining the plants, developing a list of plants to purchase, asking for help (especially if you're new to native plant gardening)?
- 8) Please describe actions you have taken (presentations, meetings) or information given to the stakeholders of your site where you plan to plant the garden. Have you received support from them? How well do they understand native plants (for example, that it can take them some time to mature; how they should be maintained, etc)?
- 9) Please list the plant species you hope to plant. Include both common and scientific names and estimated quantity. NOTE: One plant per square foot is a reasonable way to calculate the total number of plants needed. We strongly recommend a mix of 60% grasses/sedges to 40% flowers.
- 10) From where do you plan to source your plants/seeds? See the Garden for Nature Grant Page for leads.
- 11) Please provide a simple budget for your project. Plant/seed cost, other material costs, and total costs.
- 12) Please provide a map, drawing, and/or photos to allow us to understand where the proposed project will go and how it fits in with the immediate surroundings. Include the cardinal directions.
- 13) Have you ever applied for and received a grant from WCWO? If yes, what year (if you can remember) and what is the current status of that project?

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