



Finding the Gold:

Where to look for help in funding your projects

We can all use additional funding at times for the special projects and programs we wish to complete. This is a brief summary of some of the available funds. Additional information is available on each website noted. The website links will be available to you when this presentation is posted on the GCG website by simply clicking on the link from this presentation.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Plant America Community Project Grants --

<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>

The theme for this administration is **Go Green - Plant America**, a call to service and a description of what NGC clubs do! Plant America grants provide up to \$1,000 per project and cover every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design, and community service.

Applications are accepted through the **October 15** deadline each year. **Funds are awarded the following January.**

Ames Tool Grants Program --

<https://gardenclub.org/ames-tools-grant>

National Garden Club, Inc.'s partnership with The Ames Companies, Inc. began in 2014 and now includes a group of tools sized for children and a group of lighter weight and mid-sized tools (indicated as floral tools) which may be helpful for use in garden therapy projects.

NGC local member clubs are eligible to apply for a grant of Ames tools with a value of up to \$250 for gardening projects performed or supported by the club which are scheduled to be carried out March – September. Applications accepted beginning each Fall. Due date is **April 15.**

Espoma Grants –

<https://gardenclub.org/espoma-grant>

National Garden Clubs is excited to continue its partnership with the premier provider of organic plant foods and potting soils – The Espoma Company, a manufacturer of organic fertilizers with over 70 organic products. Grants for \$250 of Espoma organic products can be awarded to up to **20** NGC clubs annually. Applications accepted beginning each Fall. Due date is **May 31**.

Natural Disaster Funds –

<https://gardenclub.org/natural-disaster-grant>

The Natural Disaster USA Fund was established by NGC in 1997 to receive monetary contributions from states, clubs and individuals for the purpose of assisting local and state clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts. This fund has helped to replant parks, municipal gardens and other garden related sites due to natural disasters caused by floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms and wildfires.

Grants of up to \$5000 per project may be awarded in a fiscal year to local or state clubs. Applications accepted at any time a need arises. No due date.

Wildflower Education Grants –

<https://gardenclub.org/operation-wildflower>

A grant of up to \$500 is available to be used towards direct expenses for an educational program on the subject of native plants and wildflowers. State Garden Clubs, districts, councils and individual garden clubs may co-sponsor a symposium with state agencies, arboreta, native plant societies, or similar organizations. **Only 4 grants** are available each year. Georgia often applies for this as a state, so please check with President Hall before making an application.

Youth Pollinator Garden Grants --

<https://gardenclub.org/youth-pollinator-gardens-grant>

NGC provides a grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators.

??? Which NGC grants might be combined to provide extra funding?

- A) Plant America, Ames Tools, Espoma**
- B) Ames Tools, Espoma, Youth Pollinator Garden**
- C) Natural Disaster, Ames Tools, Espoma**
- D) All of the above**

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.



Blue Star Memorial Marker Restoration – Jan Thiese, Chairman

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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-blue-gold-star-historical-markers/>

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is offering matching grants to the seven districts and member clubs/councils for the restoration of any Blue Star Marker. Applicants may be awarded half the cost of restoration, up to a maximum of \$500.00. Application accepted at any time.

Community on My Mind – Willie Maxwell, Grants Chairman

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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-and-programs-community-on-my-mind/>

Any project which beautifies conserves and benefits citizens of a community is eligible for this grant of up to \$200.. Member clubs are encouraged to partner with other community sources to complete projects and increase visibility within the community. Projects which benefit only private entities or private institutions are ineligible for grants. Applications are accepted at any time.

Flower Show Grant Program -- Faye Frazier, Chairman
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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/fss-and-judges-symposium/>

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides grants for a club or group of clubs that desire to host a Standard Flower Show for the first time, or who has not hosted a Show within 5 years of the date of the application. The Show must be eligible for a National Garden Clubs Flower Show Achievement Award. Maximum grant of \$200. Applications are accepted at any time.

Parks and Public Lands Program – Willie Maxwell, Grants Chairman
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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-parks-and-public-lands/>

The program is designed to bring a greater awareness of the needs of our Parks and Historical Sites, and encourage our members to become involved in projects that benefit the parks. Funds of up to \$200 are available to GCG member clubs. No matching funds are required. Additional funds may be made available from DNR and from Friends of Georgia State Parks. Applications accepted any time.

Garden Therapy Grants – Gwendolynn Hallman, Chairman
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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-and-programs-garden-therapy/>

A garden club, group of clubs, council, or district may apply for grant funds for any hands-on garden therapy project where the target population is directly involved in carrying out the project. Projects may be planned at any hospital, nursing home, or other institutional care facility. Matching funds are no longer required. Maximum grant of \$250. Applications accepted at any time.

Historic Land Preservation Grants – Pamela Hendrix, Chairman

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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-historic-landscape-preservation-2/>

Donations along with GCG's annual Historic Land Preservation Fundraiser provide the funds to support the restoration of historic, non-profit, public landscapes and gardens in Georgia, including those listed as Historical Sites with the Department of Natural Resources Parks & Public Lands program. Those eligible to apply for these funds include: Local governments, Nonprofit organizations (501c3 and 501c6), garden clubs and other civic organizations (in partnership with a local government or nonprofit organization). Application must show source for matching funds.

Maximum matching grant of \$3000. **Applications due by August 1.**

New Club Grants – Leanne Penman, Chairman

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Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/membership-mentoring-new-clubs/>

This fund provides grants to help with club program expenses, including speakers and supplies. It also provides discounts for registrations at GCG and District meetings for the Club President or a representative. The grants are only available to a club in its first 2 years.

Several GCG grant applications are under revision, so please check the website just prior to submitting your application for the latest form.

??? Which GCG grant does not require application from a GCG member club?

- a) **Historic Land Preservation Grants**
- b) **Flower Show Grants**
- c) **Community on My Mind**

Other Resources

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia -

<http://eeingorgia.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.68.4863&tid=85010>

This group offers an extensive list of grant opportunities, including school gardens and outdoor school projects. Grants range from local level, to state, to national grants.

- The Porter Fleming Foundation provides funding in the CSRA (Augusta area). **LOCAL**
- The Clean Trail Grant Program offers grants to groups wanting to enhance any of the many trails throughout the state. **THINK BARTRAM TRAIL, SILVER COMET TRAIL, ETC. THINK WILDFLOWERS ALONG SECTIONS OF THOSE TRAILS.....**
- Herman's Garden Seed Donation Program provides free seeds.
- Karma for Cara Foundation provides microgrants of up to \$1000 to help young citizen leaders execute and magnify their initiatives to repair our world—including establishing community gardens and repairing school grounds **YOUTH**
- Georgia Making the Shade Grants provides up to \$5,000 in matching funds to plant trees on school grounds **SCHOOLS**
- And the list goes on and on!

Pollinator Partnership

<https://www.pollinator.org/native-seed-grants>

This group offers grants for free Native Seeds. The seeds are specific to your area. They are to be planted during the winter months and maintained as needed. The deadline for applications for this year is July 20. If you missed this year, check it out again next year!

SEARCH THE WEB FOR MANY OTHERS. REMEMBER TO LOOK LOCALLY, ALSO!

FINANCIAL SECTION

Donations Form – please send just ONE check for all donations listed on the first page. Donations can be sent at any time and are encouraged to be sent prior to January.

501 (c) 3 – GCG and District only; some Federated groups and a few clubs have this status, but are not under the GCG umbrella

EIN and 990N postcard – banks are requiring clubs to have an EIN; this means you should also file the IRS 990N online postcard each year to report taxes Check the IRS website for 990 N instructions

Bank Accounts – CLUB Account, not individual

