

2025 Gray and Norrene Thompson Community Projects Grant Application for Clackamas County Master Gardener™ Assoc.

Gray Thompson was an OSU Extension Agent who helped start the OSU Master Gardener Program™ in Oregon. Both Norrene and Gray volunteered countless hours for the Master Gardener Program. In 1995, they were acknowledged as “An Honored Pair,” and in 2005, they were recognized as State Master Gardeners of the Year. The Clackamas County Master Gardeners created this grant program to honor their passion for education and service to the community.

Purpose

To broaden Clackamas County Master Gardeners’ community service by providing seed money for projects which further the use of plants as food, as tools for education, as benefits to the environment, and as a means to beautify the community.

Focus

For 2025, priority will be given to projects involving food production, reclaiming locations from invasive plants, improving garden resiliency in times of climate change and children’s education. Priorities may change and guidelines will be reviewed and determined annually.

Eligibility

We accept applications from the Portland metro region. However, 85% of the funds will be reserved for projects located in Clackamas County through June 30, 2025. **Funds must be used in the year the grant was awarded.** The Community Project Committee awards grants several times a year.

Procedure

This application will be filled out and submitted via e-mail by the sponsoring Clackamas County Master Gardener who is in good standing with the chapter. The Community Projects Grant Committee will review the application. If questions arise during the committee review, the sponsoring Master Gardener will be contacted to answer the committee’s questions. If the application is approved, the sponsoring Master Gardener will receive a contract to sign, agreeing that the grant money will be used as authorized and will send a project update one month after the money is received. Photos and a project summary must be submitted to the committee after the project is completed, or if the project is on-going, this report must be submitted by December 1, 2025. The sponsoring Master Gardener must also present a brief verbal report at the December chapter meeting.

Submit to: Justin Dune, ccmggrants@gmail.com Questions? Contact Justin Dune via email.

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Project name _____
Project address _____

Clackamas County Master Gardener Sponsor Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____
How and when do we call you for follow-up questions? _____

Project Director Name (if different than the CCMG above) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____

Total Budget _____ **Requested Amount** _____ (\$750 maximum)

Certification

Before the grant money is awarded, the sponsoring Master Gardener will sign a contract agreeing that the grant money will be used as authorized. One month after receiving the grant money, a project update will be sent to the Grant Committee. Upon completion of the project, a report with photos must be sent to the Committee by December 1, 2025. The sponsoring Master Gardener will give a short report at the December Chapter Meeting.

1. Project Description

Describe your overall project:

Intended benefits/beneficiaries:

Tell us specifically how the grant money would be used (check options that apply):

___ Drip irrigation system ___ Compost and/or other soil amendments
___ Materials for raised beds ___ Other (give detailed description)

2. Site Description

Location, size, sun exposure, slope, soil, past use, etc. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Photos and sketches desirable. (These materials are not returnable.)

3. Plan of Action

Describe what will be done, who will do them, and when will they be done. If ongoing maintenance is required, who will perform that and will it be funded? Attach a time line and a list of other sources of funding. **Include an operations budget for the current year.**

4. As sponsoring CCMG, describe your involvement in this project. Is there a need for any additional technical assistance from our chapter?

5. If the grant money were awarded, how would the Clackamas County Master Gardeners be recognized publicly for our contribution to your project?

6. Questions?

"Master Gardeners™ are volunteers trained by Oregon State University in the science of gardening. We provide free advice that is research-based, reliable, and localized for our area. We promote sustainability by encouraging gardening practices that conserve water, improve soil health, and protect the environment. We enjoy sharing gardening successes."