

GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO, INC. DOROTHY KOUNTZ GRANT

GUIDELINES and APPLICATION

The Dorothy Kountz Grant is sponsored solely by Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community Gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Blue/Gold Star Memorial landscaping
- Implementation of environmental practices
- Horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

GRANT AMOUNT: Up to \$500.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of projects.

WHO MAY APPLY: Individual garden clubs that are members of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

NOTE: Recipients of a previous Dorothy Kountz Grant are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY: Application is limited to a **TOTAL of two (2) pages.**

- **ONE (1) PAGE** – APPLICATION FORM
- **ONE (1) PAGE** – BUDGET

Applications of more than two pages will **NOT** be considered.

- Email or mail the completed **application form** and **budget** to:
Deanna Stearns, 8494 Tiffin Court, Mentor, OH. 44060-2266

Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

- Recipients of grants will be notified and all money awarded by April 30, 2022
- Projects must be completed by December 31, 2022; final report forms due by February 28, 2023.

Judging Criteria:

In judging grant applications, judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

❖ Benefits and visibility in community	40
❖ Impact and scope of project	25
❖ Involvement & participation by club members	15
❖ Collaboration with other community groups	15
❖ Application forms complete	<u>5</u>

TOTAL 100

FUNDING GUIDELINES:

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which club does not participate in some aspect
- Purchase of Blue or Gold Star Memorial Markers
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Eagle Scout projects
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Political action programs
- Capital drives and building funds
- Scholarships and endowments
- Private gardens
- Lawsuits and litigation
- Overhead costs

Final Report:

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by February 28, 2023
2. Send the following:
 - A short one- to-two- page report describing the project including photos
 - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
 - A copy of all publicity
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NOTE: Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by GCO in print, website and social media. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website: <http://gardenclub.org/about-us/press-room/monor-image-release.aspx>.

PAGE 1 – APPLICATION
DEADLINE: MARCH 31,2022

Date of Application: _____

Name of G.C.O. Garden Club_____

Applicant (Club):_____

Contact:(Name of individual representing club) _____

Address:_____

Email_____ **Phone**_____

New Project: Yes___ **No**___ **Beginning date**_____ **Completion Date**_____

Number of Members_____ **Anticipated Number involved in Project**_____

AMOUNT REQUESTED (up to \$500)_____

Total project budget_____

Description of Project: (Please use font size "10" or larger)

Brief description of how funds will be used:

Brief description of any in-kind or volunteer services:

PAGE 2 - BUDGET
DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2022

GARDEN CLUB NAME: _____

EXPENSES:

Plants (# x \$.00)	\$ _____
Delivery of plants	\$ _____
Soil amendments/mulch	\$ _____
Other purchases	\$ _____
*TOTAL	\$ _____

INCOME:

Garden Club of Ohio Inc. Dorothy Kountz Grant	\$ _____
Approximate value of donated Labor/Services	\$ _____
Approximate value of donated supplies/products	\$ _____
Club's Donation	\$ _____
Other Organizations Donations	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
*TOTAL	\$ _____

***Totals for income and expenses must be equal.**

Email or mail APPLICATION and BUDGET TO:

Garden Club of Ohio Inc./Dorothy Kountz Grant
Deanna Stearns, Chairman
8494 Tiffin Court
Mentor, OH 44060-2266