

City of Champlin Landscaping for Water Quality Grant Program

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GRANTS FOR LANDSCAPING PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT WATER QUALITY

The City of Champlin supports neighborhood-landscaping practices that improve water quality. To encourage these practices and to demonstrate their potential for successfully fulfilling both environmental and aesthetic requirements, the City has established a grant program for landscapes that benefit water quality. These funds are drawn from an original grant program the City hosted to promote environmental stewardship.

I. Purpose of Grant

This program is established to encourage and support community-based initiatives to protect water quality and promote the use of native upland and aquatic plant species for our local ecological region.

II. Award Amounts

The maximum grant amount for any single project is \$500. The ERC will give priority to having at least one grant recipient per ward (Note: there are four wards). The total available amount in 2010 is \$2,000.

III. Eligible Applicants

Individual property owners, community associations, businesses, schools and educational institutions, non-profits and other community organizations.

IV. Eligible Activities

Activities that transform a portion of a lawn or outlot to native landscaping are eligible for consideration. (See examples below.) All seeds and plantings must be indigenous to Minnesota prairies, savannas, woodlands or wetlands.

V. Participant Commitment

Participants must make a commitment to complete and maintain their project.

VI. Public Promotion of Projects and Acknowledgment Requirements

- Recipients will be asked to work with the City to seek media coverage for their project.
- Recipients will be asked to allow others to look at their project. This will be part of an ongoing effort to educate other Champlin residents about the benefits of native landscaping.
- All publications and publicity generated as part of this project must include acknowledgment of the City of Champlin.

VII. Deadline

Applications for 2010 grants are due by Friday, March 25th.

VIII. Award of Grant

The Environmental Resources Commission will review the grants on Monday, April 5, 2010. Applicants are requested to attend this meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Champlin City Hall, to formally present their application. Award determinations will be made on May 3, 2010.

All applicants will receive written notification regarding their request for funding, following the ERC meeting.

Payment will be made upon completion of work and submission of payment request accompanied by original receipts for expenses.

VIII. Examples of improving water quality and local ecology

- Reduce the use of Kentucky bluegrass.
- Reduce impervious surfaces (concrete, rock, asphalt, buildings).
- Increase native plants (grasses, ground covers, flowers, shrubs, trees).
- Create a buffer area of native plants near a lake, wetland or creek.

Which will:

- Slow down or reduce runoff to lakes, wetlands, streams, storm drains. Native plants are better at absorbing the extra nutrients, which flow across your yard during a rainstorm.
- Reduce shoreline erosion by planting native species with longer root systems.
- Increase wildlife habitat. Kentucky bluegrass does not provide food and shelter for many species of wildlife.
- Reduce watering by planting native plants that do not require as much watering as Kentucky bluegrass.

City of Champlin
Environmental Resource Commission (ERC)
Native Planting for Water Quality Grant Application

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Applicant Name: _____

Title: _____ Application date: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-mail: _____

Project Title: _____

Start and End Dates: _____

Total Cost of Project: _____

Amount requested from City of Champlin: _____

Other sources of funding with amounts: _____

I. Narrative *(Use additional pages if needed.)*

A. Indicate the location of your project.

B. Outline the time frame for completing this project.

C. List Action Steps necessary to accomplish your objectives (i.e. plan, install, maintain, and educate).

D. Describe your level of commitment to this project.


E. Please describe the major purpose of your project. (Refer to grant program overview sheet for examples of sample projects.)

II. Budget

Please provide a budget breakdown, with a brief description for each line item.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>\$ Requested</u>
A. Supplies (plants, seeds, landscaping materials)	\$ _____
B. Equipment	\$ _____
C. Resource Materials	\$ _____
D. Miscellaneous	\$ _____
Total project cost:	\$ _____

Budget Description



IV. Please sketch here or attach a sketch of the proposed project

City of Champlin
Landscaping for Water Quality Grant Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the City of Champlin and «First_Name» «Last_Name» hereafter referred to as grant recipient.

Whereas, the City of Champlin is committed to preserve and improve the quality of Champlin area water resources, and

Whereas, the City of Champlin has provided alternative landscaping grants per criteria established by the Champlin Environmental Resources Commission.

It is, therefore, mutually agreed as follows:

1. The grant recipient agrees to the grant's criteria as established by the Environmental Resources Commission.
2. The grant recipient shall acquire all landscape native plant materials in accordance with a plan reviewed and approved by the City of Champlin.
3. All native plant materials will be purchased from a City of Champlin's approved vendor.
4. All planting will be completed by October 31, 2010 and all receipts must be submitted by December 31, 2010.
5. The City of Champlin shall pay to the grant recipient an amount equal to the purchased cost of the native plant materials, not to exceed \$_____.

Applicant

City Clerk, City of Champlin

Date: _____

Date: _____