

Lawns to Legumes Individual Support Grant

Fact Sheet Summarizing

Eligible Expenses and Acceptable Vegetation

(Also refer to your signed resident agreement for additional grant commitments)

Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement

- Eligible project expenses for reimbursement include:
 - Native Plants (see non-native/cultivar options at bottom of page)
 - Wood Mulch
 - Contractor installation or Do It Yourself (DIY) equipment rental
 - Delivery fees
 - Blue Thumb/Metro Blooms Workshop
 - Contractor maintenance of projects (through the grant time period).
 - Renters Only: Planters and raised bed materials (up to \$100).

Match Requirement

- 25% match required for any funding received. This match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring contractors or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining plants (at \$25/hr). Document this match as part of your project and expense reporting (provide list of dates/ hours/number of people). Residents cannot be paid for their time through the grant, their time can only be counted as match.

Reimbursement Grant

- Complete project by July 15th, 2022 (Grants were awarded March 2022)
- Attend a workshop or complete a webinar if awarded funding, in order to better ensure success of the project.
- Submit Reimbursement Request: Project reporting is required for reimbursement and will be accomplished by identifying the project location on an interactive map, and uploading receipts, match documentation, project size information, and before and after pictures to the Blue Thumb website. Send in items here: <https://bluethumb.org/map-your-completed-project/>

Grant Allowances - Individual Support vs. Demonstration Neighborhood

Residents who are working under the Demonstration Neighborhood grant will not qualify for Lawns to Legumes Individual Support grant. Residents are eligible for one or the other, but not both.

Acceptable Vegetation: What Plants Are Allowed For Grant Reimbursement?

Only **Minnesota Native Plant Material** that is insecticide/neonicotinoid free are allowed. Non native plants such as Cultivar, Hybrid, Annual Plants are not eligible, however, can be added into plantings at landowners expense. Projects must have at least three blooming plant species during, spring, summer and fall, with higher diversity strongly encouraged. Use of milkweeds is encouraged to provide monarch habitat. Source native plants and seeds from within 150 miles of project location to the extent possible.

- **Non-native/cultivar species that can be funded as part of the establishment of Pollinator Lawns include:** fescue grasses, white clover, alsike clover, heal-all, and creeping thyme but should be avoided near natural areas. Non-native/cultivar tree and shrub species that can be funded are Serviceberries or Hawthorn.

Example:

Ineligible: Cultivar & Hybrid Plants

Cultivar plants are propagated to be a certain color, shape, size. Cultivar plants tend to have 'quotes' or hybrid plants have an X in their name.

Example:

(*Botanical Name*, Common Name)

Agastache 'Blue Fortune', Blue Fortune Anise Hyssop

Or

Aquilegia x caerulea 'Origami Red & White', Origami Red & White Columbine

Various types of plants have pollinator benefit, however, not all are eligible for L2L funding.

Eligible: Minnesota Native Plants

Native plants were documented hundreds of years ago prior to European settlement. The Latin name is often *italicized* without 'quotes' or X in their name.

Example:

(*Botanical Name*, Common Name)

Agastache foeniculum, Anise Hyssop

Or

Aquilegia canadensis, Red Columbine

Where To Purchase MN Native Plants?

The Minnesota DNR has a [list of native plant vendors](https://www.wildonesprairieedge.org/uploads/1/2/1/7/121729341/listnativenurseriesfeb2020.pdf) (it is important to check with any vendor to ensure that their plants are neonicotinoid free). Wild Ones Chapters of Minnesota also have a list of native plant vendors <https://www.wildonesprairieedge.org/uploads/1/2/1/7/121729341/listnativenurseriesfeb2020.pdf>

Example List of Pollinator Friendly Trees and Shrubs

This list is not exclusive, but is an example of the eligible native trees and shrubs. For additional native plants refer to DNR Vendor List to consult your local nursery for native pollinator beneficial trees and shrubs.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers.html>

Native Trees For Pollinators

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple (Only Female Plants)
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple (Only Female Plants)
<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Serviceberries * Some cultivars may be appropriate
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood
<i>Crataegus spp.</i>	Hawthorn * Some cultivars may be appropriate
<i>Prunus americana</i>	Wild Plum
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Pin Cherry
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry
<i>Black Oak</i>	<i>Quercus velutina</i>
<i>Bur Oak</i>	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
<i>Chinkapin Oak</i>	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> Engelm
<i>Northern Pin Oak</i>	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>
<i>Swamp White Oak</i>	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>
<i>White Oak</i>	<i>Quercus alba</i>
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Basswood

Native Shrubs For Pollinators

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Glossy Black Chokeberry
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dward Bush Honeysuckle
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac
<i>Ribes spp.</i>	Current/Gooseberry
<i>Rosa arkansana</i>	Prairie Wild Rose
<i>Rosa blanda</i>	Smooth Wild Rose
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb's Willow
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow
<i>Salix petiolaris</i>	Slender-leaf Willow
<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Meadowsweet
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	Hardtack or Steeplebush
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry
<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>	Wolfberry
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum
<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	Downy Arrowwood