



# *PLANT AMERICA*

## Community Project Grants

### Project Eligibility:

Projects submitted for receiving a grant may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects in communities may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Landscaping for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

### Project Criteria:

In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to projects that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- Benefits to the community
- Involvement and participation by club members
- Project visibility/location of the project
- Clearly stated plan for future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project

### Creation of the Grant Fund

The grant fund will be established by:

- Donations from individuals, corporations and foundation
- Donations by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

### Funding Guidelines:

Grants will not be provided for:

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

### When will the first grants be given?

In order that the members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. see the immediate benefits of this grant program for their projects now and not in the distant future after the fund is built, the first grants will be given during the 2017-2019 administration.