



Application

Gogebic Conservation District Community Garden Grants 2026

Application Submission & Deadlines: All grant applications must be submitted by the deadline to:

maxwell.ramsay@macd.org

or

Maxwell Ramsay

District Manager

500 N Moore St.

Bessemer, MI 49911

Title all emails “Garden Grant 2026” followed by your organizations name.

Applications must be submitted in the form of Word documents (doc, docx) or PDF (pdf). Please reach out if you need support to edit this document and submit it in those formats. If necessary, printed hand-written applications can be submitted by request.

Application Deadline: April 29th 2026, 4:30pm CDT.

Award Notification: May 18th, 2026

Date of Submission: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Type: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Please check the following and sign to agree to the requirements and responsibilities:

We agree to submit the application fully to be considered.

If awarded, we agree to meet Grant Awardee Responsibilities outlined in the grant overview.

If unable to follow through with responsibilities, or with change of primary contact person, I agree to notify GCD.

Representative printed name: _____

Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grant Track (select one)

- Community Garden Startup (Up to \$5000)
- Community Garden Maintenance (Up to \$2000)
- Pollinator Garden Track (Up to \$1250)
- Community Orchard Track (Up to \$5000)

Project Narrative

Provide narrative answers to the following application criteria:

- Provide a title for your project.
- Mission and Vision Statement
- State your organization's mission/purpose in applying for this grant.
- Timeline: any details of site prep and timing planting installations that may be relevant.
- Describe your project, such as what materials are required, what work is required, who will be doing the work and any other relevant details.
- Describe how the community will interact with the newly constructed garden space. If this is a grant for improvement of already existing garden space, please explain how the community will utilize the improved facilities. Explain how your community will be involved and demonstrate the community commitment & relationship to the project.
- Describe accessibility of the project and reasonable accommodation for those with limited mobility.
- Describe how the community garden will be sustained or is currently sustained. Include plans for ongoing maintenance and governance. Include a plan for succession and recruitment of the governing members. Provide a list of responsible parties who will maintain the site.
- (optional) Provide any existing design plans, layout, or sketches of your project. You can attach additional documents when you submit your application.
- Provide a description of the layout of planned project. Include a size estimate of the area in square feet.
- Is water accessible?
- Demonstrate proposed location does not violate any zoning requirements of the municipality it is located and plans to follow any liability insurance requirements particular to the municipality where the project is located.

Provide a statement of permission in perpetuity from the site landowner / administrator to install the project at the proposed location. Insert or attach with application submission.

Detailed Budget:

Please submit a detailed budget that shows what grant funds will be used for and the sources of matching funds.

Up to \$5000.00 for the community garden startup grant track, up to \$2000.00 for the community garden maintenance track, up to \$1250 for the pollinator garden track, up to \$5000 for the community orchard track will be paid to recipients on a reimbursement basis. Grantees can only receive reimbursement for actual documented expenses directly related to the project.

Grant funds can be used for supplies and materials directly related to the construction of new community garden or for improvement of existing community garden infrastructure. Grant funds are not intended to pay wages or contractors expenses. Only expenses incurred after the start date of the grant agreement may be submitted for reimbursement. Grantees will need to supply documentation of expenses/matching funds.

A 1:1 match is required with sources of match to be volunteer labor (valued at \$20.00 per hour), direct labor, or in-kind cash contribution to the project.