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Community
Watershed Stewardship Program

Native Plant Mini-Grants

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Stormwater runoff can reduce water quality in rivers and streams. Portland uses green streets, ecoroofs, trees and other green infrastructure to increase sewer system efficiency, and protect water quality, public health, and the environment. Green infrastructure keeps stormwater out of the sewer system, filters pollutants, provides habitat and increases neighborhood green space for healthier watersheds.

Native Plant Mini-Grants

Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) mini-grants provide gift certificates for native plants to community groups or individuals to help start or maintain projects beneficial to the local watershed.

We accept and review applications for mini-grants at any time but prefer you plant during the wet season, October through April. The limit is one mini-grant per group per year.

These stewardship projects must bring together volunteers for an overall goal of enhancing water quality in Portland's watersheds.

Eligibility

All project sites **must** be located within the City of Portland to be eligible.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups (public and private non-profits) are eligible for maximum mini-grants of $500. Projects must meet these criteria:

- ✓ Be volunteer oriented
- ✓ Use plantings native to the Willamette Valley
- ✓ Provide community benefit
- ✓ Have high visibility
- ✓ Projects that take the place of required mitigation or penalty payments are not eligible for funding

PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

Private landowners are eligible for maximum mini-grants of $50. Preference will be given to first time applicants.

Projects must meet these criteria:

- ✓ Plantings native to the area
- ✓ Project is on streamside property
- ✓ Project is already making progress (invasive removal, volunteering with local nature groups)
- ✓ Plants are part of a larger restoration process
- ✓ Projects that take the place of required mitigation or penalty payments are not eligible for funding
- ✓ Project has a commitment to education or naturescaping

NATIVE PLANTS are raised in the local environment and are adapted to local conditions. Native plants attract birds, butterflies, and beneficial species, provide habitat for wildlife, and help keep our rivers and streams healthy.

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Native Plant Mini-Grants Application

For requests over $50, please also attach a planting plan or list.

Name:			Date:
Organization:			Phone:
Mailing Address:			E-mail:
City:	State:	Zip:	

Project Address:			Watershed: *(Please check which apply.)* ☐ Fanno Creek ☐ Tryon Creek ☐ Johnson Creek ☐ Columbia Slough ☐ Willamette River ☐ Columbia River
Amount Requested:	Anticipated planting date:	Number of volunteers who will be working on project:	
Name of person(s) picking up plants:		Estimated number of plants to be purchased:	
Project: *(Please describe your project in terms of the criteria found on the front page.)*			

OFFICE USE ONLY

Stewardship Program Contact:
Award amount and description:

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

By mail to: Stewardship Coordinator
Community Watershed Stewardship Program
City of Portland Environmental Services
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 1000
Portland, OR 97204-1912

Or by email to:
Rosa.Lehman@portlandoregon.gov

If you have questions, please call the CWSP Coordinator at 503-823-7917