



Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant Program Proposal

Partner with IDEAS For Us To Apply For An Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant

IDEAS For Us and The Orange County Neighborhood Services Division is interested in partnering with several organizations for the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant!

By applying, you are nominating your organization, Neighborhood Association or Homeowners Association to partner with IDEAS For Us to apply to this Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant.

Goals of the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant:

- Beautify Orange County through environmentally focused projects.
- Support creative ways to bring people together and mobilize volunteers for a hands-on learning experience.
- Educate residents on the importance of climate resilience and ecological systems.

About IDEAS For Us:

IDEAS For Us is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and an accredited NGO of the United Nations. IDEAS's mission is to develop ideas, fund action, and scale solutions that solve the world's most pressing environmental challenges. Learn more at www.ideasforus.org

POLLINATOR GARDEN



Why Create a Pollinator Garden in Your Community?

According to the U.S. National Agricultural Statistics, a continued, rapid decline in the bee population is striking the United States due to lack of ecological habitats. Honey bee populations have declined from about 6 million hives in 1947 to 2.4 million hives in 2008. Throughout America, there has been a 60 percent reduction among crops that require bee pollination. Per hectare, the number of bee colonies has declined by 90 percent since 1962. According to nrdc.org, cross-pollination is responsible for at least 30 percent of the world's crops and for about 90 percent of wild plants. Most alarming is, according to BBC Future, only 100 crop species feed 90 percent of the world, and bees are responsible for pollinating 70 of those crops. If total bee extinction becomes a reality, we say goodbye to about 70 percent of our natural food sources,

worldwide. By installing native pollinator-friendly gardens throughout a community, you become an advocate for our much-needed pollinators while spreading awareness of a global crisis. Global movements begin at the community level. Though our gardens may be small, they are enough to begin the preservation of bees in our corner of the world.

