



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 nrhc.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.

Desired Outcomes in Working With IDEAS For Us:

IDEAS For Us Will work with your group to create a detailed funding proposal for your organization to submit to Orange County for funding. IDEAS For Us will engage staff in ordering supplies, delivering supplies to the project site, building the installation, and working with your group to engage residents if possible to promote environmental education. Final photos of the project will be taken and shared with your group. Your group will be required to work with IDEAS For Us in developing the funding proposal details, submitting the grant as prepared by IDEAS For Us, and implementing the on-going care of the project.

The final project will be a beautiful pollinator garden filled with Florida native plants as appropriate for your area's soil, water, and environmental needs. This will include plants, soil, mulch, and other supplies provided by the funder (Orange County).

How To Apply:

Apply today to become a part of the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant Program at www.ideasforus.org/orange-county-hoa-grant/. The IDEAS For Us team will then reach out and discuss project specifics.

Qualifications:

In order to satisfy the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant, your organization must be able to sign waivers/media release forms for any attendees so photos and videos can be taken during the volunteer event. There must be a primary contact that can be responsive during the grant writing process as well as the grant implementation and data collect/reporting process from beginning to end. You must be able to provide photos of your nominated location as well as addresses and additional information about the volunteers/ community members interested in getting involved.

Nominations will be first come first serve and there is no guarantee all nominations will be satisfied. Selections will be based on eligibility and project deliverables. Please keep in mind, all County funded sustainability project ideas will have to be approved by EPD or the Sustainability Office before we can move forward. The guidelines for the grant require 3 separate quotes for grant consideration unless IDEAS For Us can be considered the only vendor that can complete the project.

Apply today to create a pollinator garden in your area!

