



Lawns to Legumes Individual Support

Eligible Expenses and Acceptable Vegetation

(Refer to your resident agreement for additional grant commitments)

Eligible project expenses for reimbursement include:

NATIVE PLANT MATERIAL

- Minnesota native plant material including: forbs, grasses, trees and shrubs, seeds, etc. (see below for exceptions)

At least 70% of the total reimbursement request must be for plant materials.

PROJECT EXPENSES

- Compost, mulch, edging
- Equipment rental
- Delivery fees
- Blue Thumb/Metro Blooms workshops
- Renters only: Planters and raised bed materials (up to \$100)

CONTRACTOR WORK

- Contractor installation
- Contractor maintenance of projects

All contracted work must be through the current grant period to be eligible.

Eligible native plant material for reimbursement include:

Only Minnesota Native Plant Material that are insecticide/neonicotinoid free is allowed, except for a few exceptions. Non-native cultivars, "nativars," hybrids and annuals are not eligible for reimbursement.

Native plants vs cultivars/hybrids

Identifying cultivars

- Cultivars usually have single quotes around their name
- Hybrids have an "X" in their name
- Check the plant tag! Look for whimsical names
- Shop at a native plant nursery instead of a chain store

Examples of cultivars/hybrids

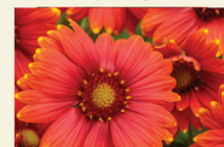
- Gaillardia 'Spintop Orange Halo'
- Spintop Orange Halo Blanket Flower
- Gaillardia X grandiflora



Native
Blanketflower (Gaillardia aristata)



Cultivar
plant tag



Hybrid
Gaillardia X grandiflora

Non-native/cultivar species that can be reimbursed as part of a Pollinator Lawn include: fescue grasses, white clover, self-heal (Prunella), and creeping thyme but should be avoided near natural areas. Non-native/cultivar tree and shrub species that can be reimbursed are Serviceberries or Hawthorns.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

25% match is required for any funding received. This match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring contractors or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining plants (at \$25/hr). Document this match as part of your project and expense reporting (provide list of dates/hours/number of people). Residents cannot be paid for their time through the grant; their time can only be counted as match.

REIMBURSEMENT

- Complete and submit project by the deadline. Check Blue Thumb's [Lawns to Legumes Grantee Guide](#) page for your deadline and steps to get started on your project.
- [Attend a workshop or webinar](#) in order to better ensure success of the project.
- Submit Reimbursement Request: Project reporting is required for reimbursement and will be accomplished by uploading receipts, match documentation, project size information, and before and after pictures to the Blue Thumb website.
- Please be patient as we go through reimbursement requests.
- All-Season Blooms: Projects should have at least three blooming plant species during, spring, summer and fall, with higher diversity strongly encouraged. Use of milkweeds is encouraged to provide monarch habitat. Source native plants and seeds from within 175 miles of project location to the extent possible.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT VS. DEMONSTRATION NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents who are working under the Demonstration Neighborhood grant will not qualify for Lawns to Legumes Individual Support grant. Residents are eligible for one or the other, but not both.

WHERE CAN YOU PURCHASE NATIVE PLANTS?

The first place to look is our [Native Nurseries & Retailers list](#).

The [Minnesota DNR](#) has a list of native plant vendors (it is important to check with any vendor to ensure that their plants are neonicotinoid free). [The Wild Ones Chapters of Minnesota](#) also have a list of native plant vendors.

