



## 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 PLANTS + SEEDS

- Minnesota native plants and seeds including: flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs, seeds, etc. (see below for exceptions)

**At least 70% of your reimbursement request must be for plant materials (see below for a visual!)**

##### 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

Butterfly Weed  
(Asclepias tuberosa)



##### Cultivar

'Cinderella'  
Butterfly Flower  
cultivar of Swamp Milkweed  
(Asclepias incarnata)

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

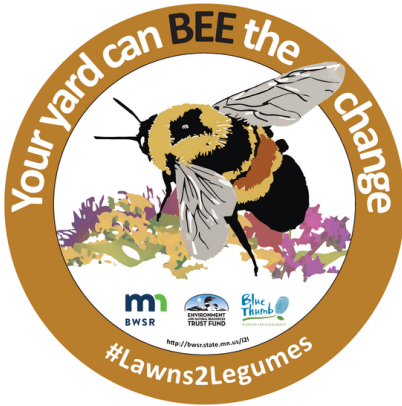
Residents who are working under the Demonstration Neighborhood grant will not qualify for Lawns to Legumes Individual Support grant. Residents are eligible for one or the other, but not both.

## 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.





# How much do I need to spend on native plants?

At least 70% of your total Lawns to Legumes reimbursement request must be for eligible plants. Please review our [Eligible Expenses Guide](#) for details.

This is meant to be a guide to help you get the most out of your reimbursement. You can spend as little or as much as you prefer on your project, as long as your purchases are eligible and at least 70% of your submitted purchases consist of eligible plant materials.

If less than 70% of your submitted expenses are for native plants, you will receive a partial reimbursement.

Total reimbursement	Minimum native plant expenses
\$350	To be reimbursed the maximum \$350, you will need to spend at least \$245 on native plants and seed.
\$300	To be reimbursed \$300, you will need to spend at least \$210 on native plants and seed.
\$200	To be reimbursed \$200, you will need to spend at least \$140 on native plants and seed.
\$100	To be reimbursed \$100, you will need to spend at least \$70 on native plants and seed.

