

Fall 2026 Lawns to Legumes Support Template Message to Legislators

Is Lawns to Legumes still happening? Yes — but we need your support.

Over the past year, Minnesota's popular pollinator habitat grant program hasn't received enough funding to operate at its typical capacity.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Metro Blooms/Blue Thumb was able to award 1,800 grants in Spring 2026, but future funding is needed. We will be able to offer another round of grants in Spring 2027 — but to only 800 Minnesotans.

Public demand remains incredibly high — over 5,000 people applied for a Spring 2026 grant. Yet funding was not included in this year's state budget.

If Lawns to Legumes has made a positive impact on you — or if you believe this work matters — please contact your state legislators and ask them to support continued funding. You can also ask your local candidates whether they support funding for pollinator habitat creation in Minnesota! Use our template message below as a guide. Thank you in advance for your support!

Use this tool to get the email or contact form for the state legislators that represent you: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>

Questions? Email Blue Thumb's L2L Helpline: l2lhelp@bluethumb.org

Subject: Please Support Continued Funding for Lawns to Legumes

Dear [Senator/Representative Last Name],

I am a constituent from [Your City], and I'm writing to urge you to support continued state funding for Minnesota's Lawns to Legumes program.

Since 2019, Lawns to Legumes has helped more than 12,000 Minnesotans create 20 million square feet of pollinator habitat across all 87 counties. The program provides grants, education, and technical support to help residents plant native species that benefit pollinators, improve water quality, and strengthen biodiversity.

This program matters to me because

Share your reasons here! Examples you can include:

- I received a grant and was able to convert part of my lawn into native habitat.
- I've seen more bees and butterflies in my yard.
- It helped me learn about native plants and environmental stewardship.
- It strengthened connections in my community.
- Native plants boost climate resilience by filtering stormwater, sequestering carbon, and building soil health.
- It supports local small businesses like native plant growers.
- Pollinators are the foundation of a functioning food system.

Pollinators like bees and butterflies are essential to our food systems and ecosystems, yet they are in decline. Minnesota is home to over 500 native bee species, and Lawns to Legumes is a cost-effective, high-impact way to protect them while engaging residents statewide.

Public demand for this program far exceeds available funding. I respectfully ask you to prioritize and advocate for continued funding so this important work can continue and grow.

Thank you for your time and your service to Minnesota.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]