



GRANT GUIDELINES

Note Effective March 2026: Late applications received by May 31, 2026 will be considered if funds are available.

- The Porter County Master Gardeners Association (PCMGA) is offering grants of up to \$500 for materials for gardening/horticulture-related volunteer projects in Porter County. Volunteer individuals or groups and non-profit organizations are eligible. This includes, but is not limited to, community organizations, youth groups, churches, teachers and individual volunteers. Projects are to benefit the community, feed those in need or promote gardening education.
- These grants may be used to purchase such items as plants, seeds, mulch, compost, fertilizer and fencing. Labor is not included. If you would like project guidance from a Master Gardener, the PCMGA can help with that, too.
- Only one application may be submitted per project per calendar year.
- The application form is to be completed in its entirety. Illegible applications will not be considered. Additional sheets may be added as needed.
- Applications can be emailed to pcmastergardener@gmail.com or personally delivered to the Porter County Extension Office, 155 Indiana Ave., Suite 301, Valparaiso, IN 46383 by February 28, 2026. Any applications sent by mail must be postmarked by February 24, 2026.
- Applicants will be notified if their grant has been approved by April 1st. Fund recipients will be asked to sign a statement that these funds will be used in the current year only for the project described in the grant application.
- Grant recipients must be willing to allow the PCMGA to publicize the award in all forms of media, including but not limited to, print and electronic media, social media, internet websites and video presentations.
- Decisions of the PCMGA are final.