A GCM Nature Grant may be awarded to a club, or group of clubs, for the beautification, preservation and/or improvement of an existing nature area, or for a new nature-related project. Suggested nature related projects include nature trails, outdoor classrooms, parks, and museum grounds. **This is a matching grant** (in-kind donations accepted) of up to $500.00 per application.

**Only one application per year per club or group of clubs submitted by January 31**. **Winner(s) will be notified by February 15.**

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| Club Name | District | # Members |
| Contact Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email | Phone |
| Date | Signature of Applicant |

Attach the above form to your application(s). Application has a two-sheet maximum, front and back, submitted by January 31 for the upcoming year.

If the application is for a group of clubs, submit an application for each club and attach all to this form. Application must include the following:

1. Project proposal-include date to begin and be completed
2. Written Description
3. Photo of project site
4. Proposed budget including donations (monetary and in-kind)

4a. Examples: matching In-Kind grant

 In-Kind nonmonetary donations are donations of goods, services of time.

 The donations can be from individuals, businesses, clubs/groups, or organizations.

* Examples of goods—topsoil, mulch, timbers, gravel, stone, fertilizers or plants. Bird feeders, bird baths, bird and butterfly houses, garden benches, fencing and/or signage.
* Examples of Services—Physical labor, use of equipment. Labor can be from community members, boy scouts, city workers, various club members or groups.
* Examples of Donated time—workers preparing the site for planting or replanting or caring for site and plants.
1. Expected percentage of club/group participation
2. Other group(s) participating

Judging Information

All applications are reviewed by the GCM Nature Grant Chairperson.

The information submitted in the application is evaluated with consideration to the following information.

* Emphasis on native plant material
* Impact and scope of project
* Involvement and participation of club members
* Collaboration with the community
* Start and completion date of project
* Completion of grant application

The GCM Nature Grant is a matching grant. The amount you are requesting should be no more than the total donations listed on this application.

**Send all by January 31 for upcoming year to GCM Nature Grant Chairman:**

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