



EXETER AREA GARDEN CLUB

Website: exeterareagardenclub.com

2025 MINI-GRANT PROGRAM EXETER AND STRATHAM RESIDENTS ONLY

The Exeter Area Garden Club continues to establish a pollinator corridor running through the towns of Exeter and Stratham. This program seeks to establish a corridor of residential properties that provide native plant habitat and nutrition for pollinators. This is the third year of a multi-year project. We are encouraging local gardeners to reassess their home gardens and see how they might change existing gardens or establish a new garden which will consist of native plants (especially those which are drought tolerant) so that pollinators will be attracted to the area and hopefully reside in your gardens.

Applications should include a description of your proposed pollinator garden, or the changes you plan to make to an established garden. We require submission of a plan and a before photo of the garden area. Later in the summer we would ask that members of the mini-grant committee be allowed to visit the garden to see how your project has worked out for you. Since we are hoping to establish a pollinator corridor between the towns, we are hopeful that these projects will continue in the years ahead. That is one reason we have opened the process to gardens not visible from a public way.

FUNDS TO BE AWARDED

Up to \$250 will be awarded for each chosen project. Projects are to be completed by the end of summer 2025.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to Exeter and Stratham residents only. Recipients may receive 2 grants per project in consecutive years.

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Funds are to be used only for the purchase of native (to NH) perennial pollinator plants with emphasis on drought tolerant species. Please note, this **EXCLUDES NON-NATIVE CULTIVARS AND ANNUALS**.

INELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Since we are promoting garden change, nothing other than the eligible plants may be purchased with the awarded funds.

ACCOUNTING

Applicants shall maintain an accurate record of plants and/or seeds purchased and shall submit, if requested, these records upon completion of the project. Grant recipients should notify the committee upon completion and submit a photograph of the completed project.

CRITERIA

In addition to the items listed above, we ask that a plan is in place for maintenance of the project, which includes, watering and weeding. We suggest that the gardens not be treated with pesticides.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

Your application must be *received* by Saturday, April 5, 2025, 5:00pm.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT

Applications will then be reviewed and applicants will be notified by April 19, 2025. Funds will be sent out at that time.

EXETER AREA GARDEN CLUB - 2025 POLLINATOR MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

(Please print clearly)

Date of Application:

Please be specific:

Project Location: (front yard , back yard, new garden)

Contact Person:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Project Start Date:

Project Finish Date:

Amount Requested:

Project Objective: Attach proposal including the following items.

- What do you hope to accomplish?
- A list of proposed plants to be purchased, remembering that awards will be given to those using native (to NH) perennial pollinator plants. (List of suggested native pollinator perennials is available on our website)
- A description of:
 1. how the addition of these plants will enhance your existing landscape (photo and site plan required)
 2. How it will allow you to establish a new area in your landscape (photo or site required).
- Your maintenance plans.

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