

**Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association of Cabarrus County
David Goforth Grants Program**

General Guidelines Revised September 5, 2017

The MGVA will allocate a total of \$4,500 annually for grant awards.

The MGVA awards grants in two categories:

- Grants to Cabarrus County organizations, community groups, and individuals with special projects. Grants in this category may be awarded up to \$250 annually.
- Grants to elementary, middle and high schools in Cabarrus County and in Kannapolis City Schools that are in Cabarrus County. Grants in this category may be awarded up to \$500 annually.

Requests for funding will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee composed of the MGVA president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, historian, advisor, and two at-large club members appointed by the president.

Proposals that have a strong educational component will receive greater attention than those whose purpose is primarily to maintain an on-going project.

Proposals that have a pollinator and/or native plant component are encouraged.

Preference will be given to projects that have not received funding for consecutive years.

The committee will evaluate the request to determine the degree to which the proposal furthers the purpose of MGVA. The committee will consider:

The botanical, horticultural, environmental, historic, and/or educational value of the project

The community impact of the project: the project location, public access, public interest, and target audience

The planning and future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project: how it was developed and how it will be executed and maintained.

Funding history and plans: other sources of funding, current budget, and goals for future funding.

A project end-report is required and is due to the MGVA within thirty days following the completion of the project.

Completed applications should be mailed to: MGVA Grants Program, Cabarrus County Extension Office, 715 Cabarrus Avenue-West, Concord, NC 28027.