

**Ontario Horticultural Association Pollinator Project Application Form**



**Ontario Horticultural Association Pollinator Project Grants**

The Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) is committed to collaborating on a province-wide strategy to improve pollinator health. The OHA will provide up to ten (10) grants of up to $200 each annually to eligible OHA Affiliated Societies/Clubs to create habitat in the form of pollinator friendly gardens or nesting sites on public land.

**Criteria**: To be eligible, the OHA Affiliated Society/Club must be in good standing with the OHA and provide a letter of permission by the municipality/city indicating that the Society/Club may carry out their project at the intended location. Signage will be provided by the OHA for the project at no cost to the Society/Club.

 To ensure a vibrant pollinator-friendly habitat, try to include the following elements whenever possible:

* A diverse variety of plants that bloom from early spring to late fall for successive bloom, massed in clumps
* Choose native plants and old-fashioned heirloom varieties over hybrids
* Provide a source of water
* Create shelter by ensuring a variety of nesting materials are nearby and that there are bare patches of soil available for ground nesting insects
* Avoid the use of pesticides
* Establish a maintenance plan to ensure the sustainability of the project

**ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

**This grant may be used for:**

* Purchase and installation of perennials and shrubs
* Mulch
* Soil/compost
* Construction materials and supplies for the creation of nesting sites.

**Ineligible expenses include:**

* Annuals

This application must be submitted to and received by the OHA Awards Coordinator on or before February 28th.

**Horticultural Society/Club**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **District**:

**Address**:

**City**: **Postal Code**:

**Phone Number**: **E-mail**:

 **Person Submitting Grant Application**:

**Full Address:**

**Phone Number**: **E-mail**:

**Type of Project: Garden** □ **Nesting site □**

**Location of Project**:

**When will the project be completed**:
 **Checklist of Items to Include with Application:**

□ **Plant List**

□ **Site Plan**

□ **1-2 Photographs of Project Location**

□ **Permission Letter**

□ **Maintenance Plan**

**NOTE: Submission is limited to 10 pages including the application form**

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Successful Pollinator Grant applicants will be required to submit itemized original receipts, a completed project reporting form and a photo to be received by the Awards Coordinator for reimbursement on or before December 31st of the next year. For example, a grant awarded in 2024 must have its completed report with receipts and photos sent to and received by the Awards Coordinator on or before December 31st of 2025. Otherwise the OHA will assume that the Pollinator Project Grant has not been completed and the grant funding will be cancelled. ***NO funds will be released without itemized receipts.***

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