



Ontario Horticultural Association Pollinator Project Application Form

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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 ten (10) grants of \$200 annually to eligible member societies to create habitat in the form of pollinator friendly gardens or nesting sites on public land.

Criteria: To be eligible, the society must be in good standing with the OHA and provide a letter of permission by the municipality/city indicating that the society 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.

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 the purchase and installation of perennials and shrubs and/or construction materials and supplies for the creation of nesting sites. **Ineligible expenses include annuals, mulch, and soil/compost.**

Interested societies can complete the form below and send it no later than **February 15th** of the current year to your Director so it can be reviewed and signed and sent on to the OHA Awards Coordinator for consideration by **February 28th**.

Horticultural Society: _____ **District:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

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

Person Submitting Grant Application: _____

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

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

Location of Project: _____

When will the project be completed: _____

District Director's Signature: _____

Checklist of Items to Include with Application:

- Plant List**
- Site Plan**
- 1-2 Photographs of Project Location**
- Permission Letter and Maintenance Plan (to be submitted with the application)**

Reporting Requirements: Successful Pollinator Grant applicants will be required to submit itemized original receipts, a completed project reporting form and a photo to the Awards Coordinator for reimbursement before December 31st of the next year. For example, a grant awarded in 2018 must have its completed report with receipts and photos submitted by December 31st of 2019. Otherwise the OHA will assume that the Pollinator Project Grant has not been completed and the grant monies will be cancelled. *NO funds will be released without itemized receipts.*

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