

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

GROWING GREEN BEAUTIFICATION GRANT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) believes in building strong neighborhoods, neighborhood pride, and community participation and responsibility. The purpose of the **Growing Green Beautification Grant Program** is to support citizens in their efforts to beautify and improve the community and take ownership of public spaces. This program is designed to help groups of residents and neighborhood organizations beautify their local environment and build a stronger community by developing and nurturing relationships among neighbors. Grants will fund community-driven initiatives that beautify the neighborhood, enhance public spaces in the community, and/or restore the natural ecology of an area.

KMCB MISSION STATEMENT

Empower TEXANS to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment through education awareness and participation in programs for:

- ❖ Waste Reduction and Recycling
- ❖ Litter Prevention
- ❖ Beautification and Community Improvements
- ❖ Volunteerism
- ❖ Environmental Education

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from neighborhood and community-based groups; groups do not have to be incorporated.

The application needs to show the following items:

- ❖ Organizations that can show they have the support system to handle the project and the knowledge to complete the event or project
- ❖ Projects that meet KMCB Goals and Mission through the event or project
- ❖ The partnerships in the community thru matching funds or volunteers to complete the event or project.

Examples of possible projects include plantings, restoration, graffiti removal, murals, large-scale clean-ups, community garden improvements, educational programs and other beautification projects in public spaces. Projects that focus on recreation should capture one or more of the above components to be given funding priority.

The following organizations and projects are **not** eligible for funding:

- ❖ Organizations or groups that do not represent a specific targeted neighborhood or geographical area;
- ❖ Projects that have already taken place or costs already incurred;
- ❖ Public agencies or large non-profits may not apply;
- ❖ Organizations or Neighborhood Associations that have received a KMCB grant within the last year.
- ❖ Funding to cover costs of staff or interest on loans or overhead of the organization or office supplies or other materials not used in the actual event or project.

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FUNDING

Grants are available in amounts starting at \$100 and up (limited to funds available) based on what is reasonable for the project/event submitted.

GRANTEE Responsibilities

- ❖ Match 100% of KMCB Grant Award with in-kind donations or volunteer hours (volunteer hours valued at \$20.25 per hour).
- ❖ Grant funds must be used within six months of approval of the grant by the KMCB Board and final report must be submitted within 30 days of completion of the project.
- ❖ Sign an agreement between grantee and the appropriate Montgomery County Department (if applicable). This is required prior to implementation of the project. (KMCB will assist grantees with the coordination of agreements)
- ❖ You may be requested to make an in-person presentation of your project to the KMCB Board at the application stage or final stage.
- ❖ Provide KMCB with a complete report to include information about all partnerships/volunteers, an itemized final financial report, how the project met your goals, how the project benefited the community, how KMCB was recognized, your comments and summary of the event or project, and before, during and after digital photos to document.

How to Apply

Submit a copy of the completed attached Application to kmcbtexas@yahoo.com or KMCB, 6606 FM 1488, Ste. 148, #356, Magnolia Texas 77354.

Grant applications will be due by last day of each month for consideration at the following scheduled KMCB Board meeting.

Contact us with any questions:

Charlotte Riser Harris 281-252-9540 or info@kmcbtexas.org

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Please print or type:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Amount of Request: \$ _____

Community your project will serve: _____

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Please answer the following questions and please provide all required information for consideration.

1. Please provide a description of the project or event.

2. What are the GOALS of the event or project?

3. What is the time line for the event or project?

4. How will the event or project be promoted and advertised?

5. Who are the partners for the project or event?

6. Please provide an itemized budget for the event or project.

7. How will KMCB be recognized in the event or project?

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

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