

SMALL GRANTS FOR GREENING VACANT LOTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Who is eligible to apply for the Small Grant Program?

Properties owned by a group, such as a neighborhood association, a block unit, a non-profit organization, etc., are eligible to apply for the Small Grants for Greening Vacant Lots program. Business registration and insurance are not required.

2) Do I need to work with my community organization or neighborhood association?

We highly recommend working with your community or neighborhood association while revitalizing your vacant lot. Since revitalization is meant to benefit the collective community, your neighbors' ideas, thoughts, critiques, and inputs for how they would like to use the lot all serve as valuable information to make sure your lot is activated successfully.

3) Am I eligible to apply if I have an existing garden lease?

If groups with an existing garden lease are interested in applying, they must show proof that they are purchasing the lot once their garden lease is up.

4) Does an option to purchase need to be in place to apply for the grant?

Yes, proof of plans to purchase your lot must be in place to apply. You can attach your plans for purchase to your grant application, and you can click [here](#) to see the cut-off dates for purchasing LRA properties.



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5) Can I establish the garden on my own property if I own a side lot?

Small grants funding is not eligible for side lots or lots connected to residential properties.

6) Are there examples of successful green vacant lot revitalization projects that I can learn from?

There have been many successfully revitalized vacant spaces in the St. Louis area. A few examples include (insert examples – pocket parks, community gardens, successful Neighbors Naturescaping grantees, etc.). Click [here](#) to learn more about these projects.

7) How should I submit my grant application?

You can submit your application electronically by sending a copy to admin@stlvacancy.org.

If your group prefers to submit their application physically, please feel free to download the grant application worksheets + budget template and mail them to **4640 Shenandoah Ave St. Louis, MO 63110**.



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8) What is the timeline for the grant program?

The 2025 Small Grant applications will open **March 13th** and close **April 18th**. Grants will be awarded on **May 15th**.

9) If awarded a small grant, when would I receive funding, and what would the reporting and evaluation requirements be thereafter?

The STLVC will manage all awarded funds internally for each grant project & assist in ordering and procuring materials on behalf of grantee. No funds will be sent directly to the grantee, but grantee will be the primary decision maker in how funds are spent. Grant funds will be spent in accordance with the awardee's grant budget template.

Grantees will be required to attend a monthly meeting with a their SGGVL subcommittee to plan, further design, and implement their project. Meeting minutes from these meetings will act as reporting for the grant.

10) What if my group does not have a bank account?

There is no need to have a bank account or a fiscal agent for this year's Small Grants for Greening Vacant Lots Cycle.

