

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?

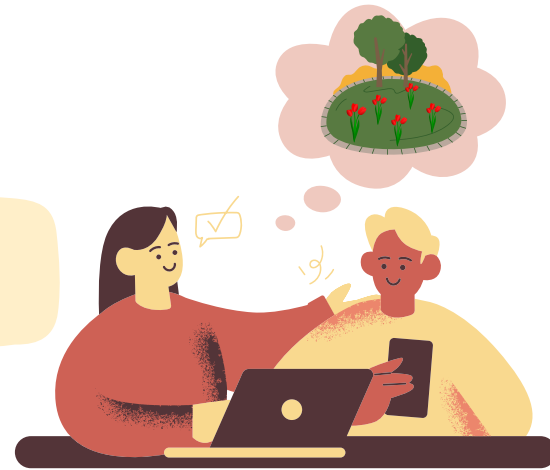
We highly recommend working with your community or neighborhood association while revitalizing your vacant lot. Since revitalization is meant to benefit the collective community, your neighbors' ideas, thoughts, critiques, and inputs for how they would like to use the lot all serve as valuable information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

Only an individual can apply for a side lot, so side lots will not be eligible to apply for the small grant program.

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 VCAdmin@communitybuildersstl.org.

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



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8) What is the timeline for the grant program?

Grant applications will open February 9th and close April 12th. Once applications are evaluated, they will be awarded in May, and grantees have until October to complete and install their projects.

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

Grant funding will be dispersed according to the awardee's grant budget template, and you'll receive the funding needed to fulfill each phase of your project prior to having to make any purchases. This process will be further discussed with the awardees. Grant reporting will occur at the midway and final stages of project implementation. Upon being awarded a small grant, your group will receive these reporting forms, which will include a survey of 10 questions or less and require uploads of key documents (budget, images, of progress, etc.)

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

We recommend that you work with one of the designated fiscal sponsors if your organization does not have its own bank account to help you manage your awarded funding. Are designated fiscal sponsors are as follows:

- SLACO – Judith Arnold; arnold.judith@yahoo.com
- Seed St. Louis – Matt Schindler; mschindler@seedstl.org

