

School Gardens Grant Program Application for ECCS ISD #112

The School Gardens Grant Initiative is an opt-in, first come-first served grant program open to Principals, Teachers, Schools and Nutrition Services within ECCSD working together to create or expand school garden areas, outdoor learning, healthy food production, and sustainability concepts in agriculture. So many diverse concepts can be learned from school gardens and outdoor spaces, the possibilities are endless. Free MN Ag in the Classroom (MAITC) lesson plans and materials can easily be used in conjunction with grant requests. Because MAITC materials are standards-based and readily available, they continue to encourage STEAM throughout the district.

<https://minnesota.agclassroom.org/>

Grant submissions and fulfillment begins during 2019-2020 school year, continuing for five years. Total available funds for the program = \$60,000, broken into pools of \$12,000 per year. As this is an open-ended submission and fulfillment initiative, open each year until fund limits are reached by the end of each school year. There is no dollar limit for grant submissions below the \$12,000 threshold and no closing date until 2023-2024. The Grantor will directly receive, process and grant funds to the district's requestors. In general, the grant request will receive response from Grantor within 2-3 weeks.

Grant submissions are requested to have a life of up to 5 years, or more. This includes both hard and soft materials requests. Some examples include, but are not limited to: *Mini-greenhouse, hoops and covers, seeds, plants, insect or critter netting, experiment materials, improvements or sustainability for past projects, collaborative project needs, school signage, create or improve outdoor learning spaces, edible landscapes, pollinator gardens, native plants, etc.*

District Administration, Nutrition Services, and Principals support this initiative by communicating in-process and finished projects with accompanying results out to the district and community. Yet another reason for 'Why Choose ECC Schools?'

Consider how you will include students and even parents to help you both implement and maintain your project, wherever possible. This is part of the learning process and success for all. Thank you for your time, effort, and creativity. We look forward to considering your grant application.

Please email your completed School Gardens Grant request to schggprogram@gmail.com AND your principal.

1. Grant Title:

2. Expected Objectives and Outcomes:

3. Name of Applicant(s). Please list all Teachers and Principal if for School (Principal review of request is required prior to submission):

4. Applicant(s) Email and Phone#:

5. Location(s) or School(s) Where Grant Will Be Implemented

Please check box to select school:

Bluff Creek Elementary School

Carver Elementary School

Chanhassen Elementary School

Chanhassen High School

Chaska High School

Chaska Middle School East

Chaska Middle School West

Clover Ridge Elementary School

East Union Elementary School

Family Learning Center

Integrated Arts Academy

Jonathan Elementary School

Kinder Academy

La Academia

Pioneer Ridge Middle School

Steps Toward Adult Responsibility

Victoria Elementary School

Other:

6. Other grant sources you searched previously for this request:

7. Number of Staff and Students who benefit from this request:

8. Is this a one-time project, or a portion of a project?

9. What amount of time will it take to implement this request (expectations for when it can begin being used)? If suppliers or contractors are needed, are they prepared to begin or deliver?

10. How will this grant align to district goals and curriculum toward ensuring each learner realizes a well-rounded education?

11. If for Teachers, do you plan to use MN Ag in the Classroom (MAITC) materials with this request? Are you incorporating or collaborating with other outside resources (School Garden Coalition, U of MN Extension, Master Gardeners, USFW, etc)?

12. Is this project integrated with Nutrition Services, or school cafeterias (ex: communication/notification of what is being produced, harvested, product use in new Nutrition Services recipes, nutrition learning, healthy eating habits, etc)?

13. What amount are you seeking for your request?

14. Please provide a detailed breakdown of requested funds. List most important items first. You may provide URL links to products, or attach estimates.

15. Please describe how you plan to share results after the project is implemented, and how the project will continue to be used in the future. This can include coordinated planning with District Administration, Nutrition Services, Principal, Teachers, Staff, Parents/Guardians/Community, PTO, etc.

16. Completed Eastern Carver County Schools approved District Project review attached
(blank form can be downloaded from Insider / Buildings & Grounds / Forms).

YES

NO

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Acceptance (Principal/Director/Manager Signature)	 Date:
Approval (Finance & Operations Director signature)	 Date: