

2023 HEALING THE PLANET GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE?

Eligible projects must be shovel ready with any required permits already secured. Eligible projects: Project must address food waste prevention, reduction and or recovery. Eligible projects include food waste reduction and diversion, community composting, increase access to compost for agricultural producers, educational programs regarding food waste prevention, reduction and recovery, divert food waste from landfills, etc. Community gardens are eligible for funding but must have a food waste prevention, reduction and or recovery component, i.e. education.

Eligible expenses, include but are not limited to: Building materials, equipment, signage, education expenses, fencing, tools and supplies. Installation and shipping costs are also eligible for support.

- Applicants can allocate up to 10% for grant administration.
- Applicants can allocate up to 25% of the total budget for staffing.
- No more than 25% of the total budget can be used for staff and grant administration costs combined.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND EXPENSES ARE *NOT* ELIGIBLE?

Non-eligible projects include but are not limited to: Projects that do not have a food waste prevention, reduction and or recovery component.

Non-eligible expenses include, but are not limited to: Scholarships, financial awards, fundraising events, conferences and seminars and permitting costs.

CAN I MAIL IN MY APPLICATION?

No. Only online submissions only will be accepted and the form will be open from **March 1, 2023 until April 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST**. Sorry, no applications will be accepted by post or email.

CAN I APPLY FOR A \$1,000 GRANT?

No. Applications will be accepted for \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 and a limited number of \$20,000 awards. Interested applicants that have smaller projects that do not meet the minimum grant of \$2,500 are encouraged to expand the scope of their project or partner with another organization. Applications for less than \$2,500 will not be considered.

CAN MY APPLICATION INCLUDE PRE-INCURRED EXPENSES?

No expenses occurring in the past are eligible. All project expenses must occur during the project timeframe of June 2023 (award date) to June 30, 2024.

MY ORGANIZATION DOES WORK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA. CAN I APPLY?

No. Eligible projects must be located in areas where The GIANT Company operates stores within Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia or West Virginia. Applicants can reside outside of the target locations but the project MUST be in the below locations. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Maryland: Alleghany, Carroll, Cecil and Washington counties.

Pennsylvania: Adams, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union and York counties.

Virginia: Clarke, Culpeper, Frederick, and Warren counties. Also the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro and Winchester.

West Virginia: Berkeley, Jefferson and Mineral counties.

CAN MY TOWNSHIP APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Yes. Applicants can be any tax-exempt organization including nonprofit organizations, conservation districts, schools, religious organizations, local and county governments, etc. EIN must be provided.

WHAT CAN I USE AS MATCH FUNDS?

Eligible items that can be used as match funds include, but are not limited to: committed cash funds towards the project, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours (hourly rate from The Independent Sector <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/>). Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful encourages community match. Match is preferred but **not** required.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE PROJECT?

Yes. However, we encourage combining projects whenever possible into one grant application. One organization can apply for multiple levels of funding for different projects in different project areas but we can only accept one application per project. As an example ABC Organization can submit two separate applications for two different projects:

- Application 1) \$5,000 to implement community composting on public land in City A.
- Application 2) \$5,000 for food waste prevention education in Township B.
- Alternatively, ABC Organization can submit one application for \$10,000 for both projects.

WHAT IF MY PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY?

You can still submit one application for the whole project or combine multiple projects into one application, as long as all of the work areas will be in counties on the list of GIANT store locations. For the county/state selection questions on the application, please enter whichever county is the primary. Then, in the project location and project description boxes include details for all locations. For any areas that are not owned or managed by your agency/organization, please make sure to also include landowner letters of support.

CONTACT/GRANT QUESTIONS

For grant questions and guidance regarding eligible projects, please contact Heidi Pedicone, Director of Programs for Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful at hpedicone@keppabeautiful.org or 877-772-3673 x 109.