



2026 HEALING THE PLANET GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

THE HEALING THE PLANET GRANT PROGRAM

The Healing the Planet Grant Program, funded by GIANT and MARTIN'S aims to invest in community planting projects using native species across the company's operating areas in Pennsylvania. Trees and shrubs provide numerous benefits to the environment, water and air quality as well as health benefits and an enhanced overall quality of life for all Pennsylvanians. Applications will be accepted for up to \$4,000. A list of criteria for eligible projects can be found below. Applications will be accepted online only from **April 21, 2026**, until **May 21 at 4:00 PM EST**.

GRANT/PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants can be any tax-exempt organization including nonprofit organizations, conservation districts, schools, churches, local and county governments, etc. EIN must be provided.
- Eligible projects must be located in areas where GIANT and MARTIN'S operate stores within Pennsylvania. Applicants can reside outside of the target locations but the project **MUST** be in the below locations. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
 - **Pennsylvania:** Adams, Bedford, 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.
- Eligible projects must be shovel ready with any required permits already secured. Eligible projects include tree, shrub, perennial, pollinator, or community garden planting and direct costs relating to planting. All applicants must have demonstrated prior successful planting experience.
- All species planted **MUST** be native to Pennsylvania. For tree information, please visit the wealth of tree information that can be found from the 10 Million Trees in PA campaign - <https://tenmilliontrees.org/about/how/resources/>.
- Eligible expenses include but are not limited to trees, shrubs, perennials, pollinator plants, or community garden planting and direct costs relating to planting, equipment, planting signage, tools and supplies. Shipping costs are also eligible for support.
- Non-eligible projects include but are not limited to: Projects that do not have a direct result of planting trees, shrubs, pollinator, or community gardens.
- Non-eligible expenses include, but are not limited to admin costs, staff time, planning/permitting costs, or any cost that is not directly related to planting.

GRANT/PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible projects must be on public land or for public use and benefit.
- Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful encourages community match. Match is preferred but **not** required.
- Awardees may be required to submit carbon offset calculations as part of the final report. Applicants are encouraged to review calculator info at <https://mytree.itreetools.org/#/>.

GRANT TIMELINE

1. Grant will open on **April 21, 2026**. Online submissions only. No applications will be accepted by post or email.

2. All grant applications and supplemental information will be accepted until **May 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM EST**. No exceptions.
3. Grant winners will be announced in **late June 2026**. All applicants will be informed of their application outcome at this time. All decisions of the grant committee are final. After announcement, winners will receive a contract with grant terms. Payment will be sent upon receipt of the signed contract.
4. Projects must be completed by **November 30, 2026**.
5. A completed on-line final report including photos must be submitted by **December 11, 2026**.

This is a competitive grant program with intent to provide support for diverse community improvement projects across the operating area in Pennsylvania of GIANT and MARTIN'S. Please fill out the online application at <https://www.keppabeautiful.org/grants-awards/grants/healing-the-planet-grant/healing-the-planet-2026/>

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed and scored by a grants committee. Grant winners will be announced in **late June 2026**. All applicants will be informed of their application outcome at this time. All decisions of the grant committee are final.

GRANT MANAGEMENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All organizations awarded will be asked to sign an agreement with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, outlining requirements and expectations. The grant agreement will outline all project requirements that will be submitted at the end of the grant period in an online format. Photos will also be required. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful will provide each awardee with a sample release template and requirements for appropriate and agreed upon recognition of GIANT and MARTIN'S and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Recognition could include local press releases, inclusion in educational materials, and or signage. All items are to be approved by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and GIANT and MARTIN'S prior to release of such materials.

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 724-836-4121 x 109.

ABOUT KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has supported hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state in their community improvement efforts. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's core programming focuses on litter and illegal dump prevention, cleanup, community greening, and proper waste handling and sustainable practices. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works with many partnering organizations on the state and grassroots level to accomplish our goal of a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keppabeautiful.org.

ABOUT THE GIANT COMPANY

For over 100 years, The GIANT Company has been bringing fresh food at great prices to local neighborhoods across Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. Known locally as GIANT and MARTIN'S, the company's more than 35,000 team members are dedicated to delivering value, freshness and kindness, every day. Founded and based in 1923 in Carlisle, Pa., the company has nearly 200 stores, online grocery services, pharmacies, and fuel stations to meet the ever-evolving needs of today's customers and communities. The GIANT Company is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA. For more information, visit the [GIANT](http://GIANT.com) or [MARTIN'S](http://MARTIN'S.com) websites.