

**MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION of  
KING COUNTY**



**ELLEN A'KEY GRANT**

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County Ellen A'Key Grant is designed to assist and support Washington State University Extension Master Gardener projects in non-urban counties of Washington State.

It has been named in memory of Ellen A'Key, King County Master Gardener, whose generous bequest enabled the Master Gardener Foundation of King County to establish an endowment fund. It is in her honor that we share those resources. Through this program we hope to foster innovation and creativity, stimulate problem solving and creative solutions, encourage a sense of unity and community among all Master Gardeners in our state, and to make possible programs that otherwise might struggle or never be able to progress beyond the planning stage.

*For further information or to submit a grant request, contact:*

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*Guidelines for Applications*

1. Application is open to all non-urban county Master Gardener programs. (Clark, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane counties are not eligible; it is our thought that resources are more readily available in the more populated counties.)
2. Only Washington State University Extension Master Gardener sponsored and administered programs are eligible for consideration.
3. Up to \$1,500 is available annually; one county may receive the entire amount, or it may be shared between two, depending on the needs described in the applications received.
4. Applications must be received by July 1. Grants for the following year will be announced at the September annual state Master Gardener conference.
5. A committee of four members, two designated by the Board of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County and two designated by the Board of the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State, shall review the applications.
6. If a majority of that group does not agree upon the successful application(s), the final decision shall be made by the Board of the Master Gardeners Foundation of King County.
7. These grants are for one time only, and cannot be renewed.
8. Recipient counties are eligible to re-apply for a new project three years after a grant has been awarded and completed.
9. Operating expenses and funding are eligible, but start-up and/or expansion funds for new and/or innovative programs shall be favored.
10. Project-end reports should be sent jointly to the Master Gardener Foundation and of Washington State and the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. Each county receiving this grant is encouraged to use every means available (the State Foundation newsletter and state conference meetings, for example) to share their experiences, outcomes and ideas with other Master Gardeners and Master Gardener organizations.

11. The Project Leader must be a WSU Extension Master Gardener, County Agent or Master Gardener Program Coordinator and identified on each application, and each application must be signed by three volunteers (all Master Gardeners) as well as by the WSU Program Coordinator or County Extension Agent.
12. Joint programs with other county, state or non-profit organizations and/or groups are eligible, but financial control of the granted funds must remain with the Master Gardener county organization or office.

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*Application*

Thank you for your interest in applying for an Ellen A'Key grant from the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. We encourage applications that

- contribute to and expand the effectiveness of the Master Gardener program in Washington State communities, and
- provide education, training and information on horticulture and sustainable gardening practices to state residents.

Please return your application to the address on the cover. You are encouraged to include copies of brochures, pictures, news clippings, or other materials that would help us to understand your organization and the activities for which the funding is requested. As a general rule, this grant does not fund individual activities, travel expenses or scholarships.

Date Request Submitted:

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County:

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Master Gardener Primary Contact:

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Address:

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City / State / Zip:

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Phone: Day:

Evening:

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Email:

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Project Title:

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Location:

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Expected Start Date:

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Please answer all questions as fully and completely as possible, using as many pages as necessary.

1. Why do you want to do this? Is there a problem that this project will help solve? If so, please describe.
2. Description of project, including timeline, responsibilities and your action plan.
3. What will be changed if this project is funded? What outcome are you seeking?
4. How will you know if you are successful? Who will evaluate the project? When will evaluation occur?
5. Is there an expected completion date, or is this an ongoing project? If this is an ongoing project (as opposed to a one-time only effort), how will you sustain it after the funding period ends?
6. Is this a joint project with another agency or organization? If yes, please identify and describe the extent of their involvement and support.
7. What else do we need to know about this project in order to fairly consider it for funding?
8. Who are the Master Gardeners supporting and involved with this project and when did they complete training?

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*Funding Request*

Please attach your budget and the name of the person within your Master Gardener program who will authorize expenditures.

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Application submitted by: (please sign)

MG \_\_\_\_\_

MG \_\_\_\_\_

MG \_\_\_\_\_

WSU \_\_\_\_\_

Program Coordinator or County Extension Agent

Thank you.