



Community WaterSmart Garden Grant

What is the Community WaterSmart Garden Grant?

The purpose of the Community WaterSmart Garden Grant is to educate the public about saving water in the urban landscape. For nearly 40 years, EBMUD has worked with the public and the landscape industry to create attractive, low water-use gardens.

EBMUD is currently offering grant awards to community organizations for creating or renovating publicly accessible garden and urban farm projects, as well as educational events held at gardens, that demonstrate water conserving principles.

Award Levels

Grant awards range from \$500 to \$15,000 for gardens and up to \$500 for educational events. Awards are paid only upon successful approval of an application and completion of the project. Grant awards are subject to the available budget.

Applying

1. Applications are accepted year-round.
2. Applicants are typically notified within 30 days after an evaluation by EBMUD (and its selected partners).
3. Garden and urban farm projects must be completed within 180 days of notice of an approved application.
4. Applications are evaluated using a numerical ranking system, and include several factors, including:
 - clarity of vision, purpose, and project features
 - clear project scope, budget, and scheduling
 - plans for public outreach
 - preparedness to begin
 - long-term commitment to the maintenance of the garden and/or urban farm
5. Grant funds cover materials and supplies only, up to 50% of project cost. Labor costs are not covered.
6. Grant funds for events cover promotion and educational activities. Food and giveaway items are not covered.
6. Grant funds will cover up to 100% of water efficient irrigation equipment.
7. Grant funds will cover up to 50% of plant costs. Plants in containers larger than 15 gallons are not covered.
8. Plant choices must come from EBMUD's gardening book, *Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates*, or cited as low water-use plants in two other related publications.



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Eligibility Requirements

1. Gardens / urban farms must be located within the EBMUD service area and have an active water account or other water source.
2. Grants are for EBMUD pre-approved projects only. Awards are not retroactive.
3. The garden / urban farm site must have safe public access and high visibility.
4. Conservation of water and other natural resources must be the clear message and intent of the garden through the design, printed and web materials, and interpretive signage. EBMUD support of the project will be acknowledged in signage.
5. Whenever possible, a demonstration site must utilize the best current sustainable design principles, including:
 - California native and summer-dry climate plants
 - low-volume irrigation methods, such as drip
 - weather-based irrigation controllers
 - recycled or reclaimed materials
 - permeable hardscape
6. Applicants must commit and demonstrate resources for ongoing operation and maintenance of their demonstration project according to proper horticultural principles (supplied by EBMUD), and for a minimum of five years.
7. Grant awards are subject to reimbursement to EBMUD in the event that gardens are not maintained per the agreement or are removed prematurely.

Conditions of Grant Award

1. Awards are paid upon successful approval of an application and inspection of the completed project, and are subject to the available budget.
2. Should the garden be removed prematurely or fail to meet minimum standards of maintenance, GRANTEE will have 60 days upon notification from EBMUD to correct the situation. If the garden in question is not brought up to standards, reimbursement of grant funds will be due to EBMUD as follows:
 - Year One 80%; Year Two 60%; Year Three 40%; Year Four 20%; Year Five 10%.
3. In addition, EBMUD signs will be removed from the site if the garden is not maintained according to maintenance agreement terms.





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Application

If completing online, please print and mail to the EBMUD address below.

This application is for: <input type="checkbox"/> New garden <input type="checkbox"/> Renovating an existing garden <input type="checkbox"/> Educational event			
Applicant Name:			
Phone:		Email:	
EBMUD Acct. #:		\$ Amount Requested:	
Location <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Address:		
	City, Zip:		
<input type="checkbox"/> *Event	*Event Date/Time:		*Number of Attendees:
<p>1. Attach a description of the proposed garden or event that answers the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the educational message and how is this message communicated? • What is the estimated number and type of annual visitors to the garden? • What is the estimated number of attendees? (event only) • How will the garden demonstrate water efficient technology? • How will water use at the garden be measured? <p>2. Submit the following required documents with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project budget with itemized list of materials (see below) • List of staff/volunteer positions and number of hours assigned to each to manage project and conduct maintenance. <p>3. Submit the following documents if applicable to your project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting plan (diagram and list of plants) • Signage plan (number of signs, message, and design) • Irrigation plan (specifications, drawings, notes) • Short descriptions of any partnerships formed to sustain the garden <p>4. A signed maintenance agreement is required if project is awarded a grant.</p>			

Please send completed application to:

EBMUD, Water Conservation Division, P.O. Box 24055, MS 109, Oakland, CA 94623





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Project Budget

Please complete the itemized project budget below. Additional pages may be added if needed.

Description (Ex: Art supplies or plants)	Source (Ex: Name of store)	Unit Cost	Qty	Subtotal

Running Total Expenditure:





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