



NORTH OAKLAND WILD ONES GRANT PROGRAM

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PART 1 - GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. North Oakland Wild Ones History and Mission

The North Oakland Chapter of Wild Ones (NOWO) was founded in 2010. We serve those in Southeast Michigan who are interested in native plants. Our goal is to educate and promote the benefit and use of Michigan native plants, which we do by providing presentations, workshops, garden visits, plant sales, and grant opportunities.

Wild Ones Natural Landscapers is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental, education and advocacy corporation with 99 chapters and 46 seedlings in 36 states.

Wild Ones Mission: Promotes native landscapes through education, advocacy and collaborative action.

2. Funding

The maximum request is \$750. There is no minimum request.

3. Eligibility

Must be a non-profit organization, such as schools, municipalities, religious organizations, foundations, public facilities/parks, all with public access.

4. General Requirements for Proposal Submissions

Funding is limited to the purchase of Michigan native plants and seeds. Find NOWO's native plant/seed resource list [here](#). Plants may also be purchased from local native plant sales provided the plants are grown by a Michigan native plant nursery from the above resource list.

Proposals should include the following, submitted in order, in essay format, and less than three pages:

1. Project summary and goals
2. Project description and impact
3. Partner involvement
4. Volunteer involvement (if applicable)
5. Site information
6. Project timeline
7. Budget
8. Long-term maintenance plan

9. Plant/seed list (attach separately)
10. Site sketch or map (attach separately)
11. Sign sketches or pictures, if applicable (attach separately)
12. Letter of support (attach separately)
13. Authorization/authentication form (attach separately)

5. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated as follows:

- A clear and concise proposal that adheres to the general requirements of submission
- Realistic project goals and long term maintenance
- Projects that involve the community, improve current site conditions, and have an ecological purpose
- Projects that use only Michigan native plants/seeds
 - Plants are not grown with neonicotinoids
 - Plants are grown by a [reputable native plant/seed producer](#)
- Accessibility to public
- Educational aspect
- Adherence to the mission statement of Wild Ones

6. How To Submit

Email grant proposal along with attachments to nowogrants@gmail.com. See introductory letter for application dates. Late submissions will not be considered.

7. Awards

Grant awards will be announced via email and recognized at a future NOWO meeting.

8. Reporting

NOWO asks that a status report be submitted by October 15th of the year the grant was awarded. This report should contain a brief summary of the project results along with pictures and any other relevant information. Refer to the NOWO Grant Project Final Report document for more details.

PART 2 - GRANT APPLICATION

*Please review the proposal evaluation criteria in Part I before submitting your application. The application may be up to three pages, in essay format, **not including the project summary page and attached documents**. Answers should demonstrate a clear understanding of your project's planning, timeline, establishment, and maintenance.*

1. Project Summary (attach separately)

Complete the [project summary template](#) and attach at the beginning of the application.

2. Project Description and Impact

- Describe the project goals, including ecological purpose and community involvement.
- Describe who will be directly involved in the project (Project leader, supportive roles, etc.).
- Specifically describe the work your group plans to do. Who will do what?
- Describe how your project will educate the community about native plants.
 - If school-related, describe the curriculum of your project.
 - If not-school related, what are you trying to teach your community?

3. Partner Involvement, if any

List organizations or individuals who will provide technical support for the implementation and/or maintenance of the project. Describe any provided match (staff time, other project purchases, etc.).

4. Volunteer Involvement

Describe any volunteer involvement.

5. Site Information

Describe the project site:

- Address or coordinates
- Site type (upland, stream bank, existing garden, etc.)
- Current site conditions (sun, soil type, moisture conditions, species makeup, etc.)
- Necessary site preparations for project (invasive species removal, soil remediation, excavation, turf removal, etc.)
- Describe the plan for maintenance during the first year of the project.
 - Expected maintenance tasks
 - Describe the water source (supplemental water should not be necessary after the first growing season).

6. Project Timeline

Break down the timeline of the project. Include preparation, establishment, short- and long-term maintenance.

7. Budget

Provide a budget of expenses that will be covered by the grant.

- NOWO money should be used ONLY for the purchase of Michigan native plants/seeds.

8. Long-Term Maintenance Plan

Describe the long-term maintenance plan for the project.

- Describe expected maintenance tasks.
- Who will maintain the project after the first year and during summer vacations?

9. Plant/Seed List (attach separately)

- Include common name, scientific name (*Genus/species*), quantity and size (pots, plugs, seeds, etc.), cost and source.
- Describe reasoning for plant list (consider soil conditions, location, and/or interpretive reasonings).
- Plants should be grown by reputable Michigan native plant/seed suppliers.

10. Site Sketch or Map (attach separately)

Attach a simple, scaled sketch or map of the project site. The image should provide context for the project. Include:

- County or site address
- Orientation arrow
- Where the project is located on the site/property
- Location of specific plants or groupings of plants
- Location of water source, roads, paths, buildings, etc.

If helpful, include additional pictures or sketches of the site for context.

11. Sign Sketches or Pictures, if any (attach separately)

- If the project will include signage, make sure the sign will include the North Oakland Wild One's logo.
- Attach photos or other information of the site if useful.

12. Letter of Support (attach separately)

- Include a letter of support from the target community (someone outside the project leadership but knowledgeable of the project's goals).
- The letter should show administrative or community support.

13. Authorization/Endorsement Form (attach separately)

Fill out and attach the [authorization/endorsement form](#). Include signatures from the project coordinator and a site official.

PART 3 - GRANT PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Due October 15th of project year

As a follow-up to our funding and in order to help future grantees improve their overall success, NOWO requests a Final Project Report in October of the year the grant is awarded.

Please include in the report:

- How NOWO funding was spent
- Goals from the original proposal, and the success of each goal
- Challenges during the project
- Maintenance plans for the future
- Impact of project on the community
- Advice for groups attempting a similar project
- Photos of the project (before, during, and after project implementation is ideal)
- Copies of any publicity given to the project
- Any other relevant information

Please email this report to nowogrants@gmail.com by October 15th of the year the grant was awarded.