



Grant Guidelines: 2026 Fall Mini Green Grant

Applications Due: 5pm Eastern on August 31, 2026

Extensions will not be accepted, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Overview

The Mini Green Grants program, funded by Scotts Miracle-Gro, provides Keep America Beautiful affiliates with up to **\$500** to support community beautification through the planting of spring-blooming bulbs, plants, or plugs during the fall planting season. These grants are designed to help affiliates create vibrant, welcoming public spaces that provide lasting beauty and encourage community pride along with supporting early spring pollinators.

By investing in Spring planting projects, affiliates can enhance parks, gateways, schools, trails, downtown districts, and other shared spaces while providing an early food source to spring pollinators. Planting bulbs in the fall creates colorful displays that brighten communities in the spring and demonstrates the lasting impact of local beautification efforts.

We encourage affiliates to use this funding to engage volunteers, strengthen local partnerships, and create sustainable beautification projects that help keep communities clean, green, and beautiful well past our country's 250th birthday.

Funding Available

- \$11,500 in funding will be available.
- Up to \$500 per affiliate

Eligibility

- This grant is exclusive to Keep America Beautiful affiliates.
- No more than one (1) application per affiliate will be accepted.

Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** 5pm ET on August 31, 2026.
- **Grant Evaluation & Notifications:** September 2026
- **Implementation Period:** Activities must be implemented before **December 31, 2026**.
- **Final Report Due:** 5pm ET **January 25, 2027**.

Application Guidelines

- Projects must focus on planting spring-blooming bulbs, plants, and/or plugs during the fall planting season in public spaces that enhance community beautification.
- Examples of eligible planting locations may include parks, schools, trails, gateways, downtown districts, community gardens, and other publicly accessible spaces.
- All proposals must clearly describe the project location, the types of bulbs/plants to be planted, and how the planting will enhance the community.
- Applicants must explain how project success will be measured for final reporting. Affiliates are strongly encouraged to describe how they will maintain the planting site to ensure long-term success, including watering, mulching, and any planned stewardship activities.
- All plant material must be planted before December 30th, 2026.

**Budget Guidelines**

- Funds may be used for the purchase of bulbs, plants, or plugs and other reasonable project supplies necessary for planting and installation.

Other Requirements

- As you plan your grant program activities, please keep in mind that grantees will receive 100% of the grant funds once the final report and invoice have been submitted to Keep America Beautiful.

Grant Review Process and Consideration

- Applications will be reviewed by Keep America Beautiful staff and select external advisors and considered based on the following criteria:
 - How applicants plan to engage their community to contribute towards the Greatest American Cleanup initiative goals to do more
 - Clear articulation of project goals, activities and intended impact of project(s)
 - Populations & communities served
 - Clearly articulate how the proposed project will be measured for impact reporting, including which data you intend to collect.