

Fact Sheet Summarizing Acceptable Vegetation and Expenses for Lawns to Legumes Individual Support Grant

(Also refer to your signed resident agreement for additional grant commitments)

What Plants Are Allowed For Grant Reimbursement?

Only **Minnesota Native Plant Material** that is insecticide/neonicotinoid free are allowed. Non native plants such as Cultivar, Hybrid, Annual Plants are not eligible, however, can be added into plantings at landowners expense. Projects must have at least three blooming plant species during, spring, summer and fall, with higher diversity strongly encouraged. Use of milkweeds is encouraged to provide monarch habitat. Source native plants and seeds from within 150 miles of project location to the extent possible.

- **Non-native/cultivar species that can be funded as part of the establishment of Pollinator Lawns include:** fescue grasses, white clover, alsike clover, heal-all, and creeping thyme but should be avoided near natural areas. Non-native/cultivar tree and shrub species that can be funded are Serviceberries or Hawthorn.

Example:

Ineligible: Cultivar & Hybrid Plants

Cultivar plants are propagated to be a certain color, shape, size. Cultivar plants tend to have 'quotes' or hybrid plants have an X in their name.

Example:

(*Botanical Name*, Common Name)

Agastache 'Blue Fortune', Blue Fortune Anise Hyssop

Or

Aquilegia x caerulea 'Origami Red & White', Origami Red & White Columbine

Various types of plants have pollinator benefit, however, not all are eligible for L2L funding.

Eligible: Minnesota Native Plants

Native plants were documented hundreds of years ago prior to European settlement. The Latin name is often *italicized* without 'quotes' or X in their name.

Example:

(*Botanical Name*, Common Name)

Agastache foeniculum, Anise Hyssop

Or

Aquilegia canadensis, Red Columbine

This list is not exclusive but is an example of the eligible MN native plants.

Example Native Plants:

<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2019-08/Native%20Plant%20Selection.pdf>

Example Native Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple (Only Female Plants)
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple (Only Female Plants)
<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Serviceberries * Some cultivars may be appropriate
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood
<i>Crataegus spp.</i>	Hawthorn * Some cultivars may be appropriate
<i>Prunus americana</i>	Wild Plum
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Pin Cherry
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Basswood

Example Native Shrubs:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Glossy Black Chokeberry
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dward Bush Honeysuckle
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac
<i>Ribes spp.</i>	Current/Gooseberry
<i>Rosa arkansana</i>	Prairie Wild Rose
<i>Rosa blanda</i>	Smooth Wild Rose
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb's Willow
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow
<i>Salix petiolaris</i>	Slender-leaf Willow
<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Meadowsweet
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	Hardtack or Steeplebush
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry
<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>	Wolfberry
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum
<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	Downy Arrowwood

Where To Purchase MN Native Plants?

The Minnesota DNR has a [list of native plant vendors](#) (it is important to check with any vendor to ensure that their plants are neonicotinoid free).

Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement

- Eligible expenses for reimbursement include site preparation (sod removal, tilling, weed control), plants, seeds, weed suppression papers, wood mulch, seed and plant installation, and maintenance of projects (through the one-year time period). Non-herbicide methods of site preparation and management are preferred; see Xerces Society guide to [Organic Site Preparation Methods](#).

Match Requirement

- 25% match required for any funding received. This match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring contractors or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining plants (at \$25/hr). Document this match as part of your project and expense reporting. Landowners cannot be paid for their time through the grant, their time can only be counted as match.

Reimbursement Grant

- Complete project within a year of receiving notification of funding, to allow time for final grant reporting before the end of the grant period.
- Attend a workshop or complete a webinar if awarded funding, in order to better ensure success of the project.
- Project reporting is required for reimbursement and will be accomplished by identifying the project location on an interactive map, and uploading receipts, match documentation, project size information, and before and after pictures to the Blue Thumb website. Send in items here: <https://bluethumb.org/map-your-completed-project/>

Grant Allowances - Individual Support vs. Demonstration Neighborhood

Landowners who are working under the Demonstration Neighborhood grant will not qualify for Lawns to Legumes Individual Support grant. Residents are eligible for one or the other, but not both.