

Pollinator Pathways Grant: A Community Approach to Conservation

Funding is available for counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), cities, tribal governments, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, nonprofit organizations, and public and non-profit pre-K through grade 12 schools.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is offering more than \$1.1 million in grant funding to promote and establish pollinator plantings through a residential and/or educational-based approach.

This funding is available through the state of Minnesota general fund. Grants will require a 10% non-stateresipient match. Grant applications must be for a minimum request of \$50,000. There is no maximum funding cap on awards.

Program summary

The Pollinator Pathways grant program promotes native plantings that establish key corridors (or pathways) for at-risk pollinators such as (but not limited to) the Monarch Butterfly and Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, Minnesota's State Bee. This will be achieved by establishing and educating Minnesotans about pollinator conservation and promoting overall interest in ecological landscaping.

Project Outcomes

The goal of the Pollinator Pathways grant program is to establish and strengthen collaborations in residential and educational spaces to create connections to statewide and local habitat corridors/pathways, especially in underserved communities.

Eligible Activities

- Project development and public outreach
- Establishment of pollinator habitat projects on residential and/or community and/or educational spaces with a maximum project size of 5 ac. and use native plants to provide pollen and nectar sources, which bloom through the season
- Program and project support
- Education
- Supplies/Equipment
- Administration and coordination

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