

**INTERFAITH NETWORK FOR EARTH CONCERNS
A PROJECT OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON
POLLINATOR SEED GRANT
2014-15 APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Purpose

With funding from The Gilhousen Family Foundation, Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns will accept a first round of applications for Seed Grants of up to \$500 submitted by faith organizations leading local pollinator conservation projects in the metropolitan area of Portland, Oregon. **Deadline for the second round of applications has been extended to April 30, 2015.** General support will be offered for projects involving:

- development of new pollinator habitat or conversion of existing gardens to pollinator habitat
- workshops on creating pollinator habitats or conversion of existing gardens to pollinator habitat
- tours of existing pollinator habitat projects on faith land
- media outreach for your congregation's project and the overall project, and
- participation in a Pollinator Garden Celebration in the Portland area

Who is Qualified to Apply?

Applications may be submitted by faith-based organizations in the metropolitan-Portland area, Oregon. We expect all grantees to participate in a Celebration in Spring 2015.

Neonics and Nurseries

All plants purchased with grant funds must be free of systemic pesticides especially Neonicotinoids (neonics), which have been shown to be deadly to pollinators. After the mass death of bees in Wilsonville, Oregon last year, the Xerces Society called for a ban on use of these pesticides. Many nurseries as well as large retailers carry plants sprayed with these pesticides. Fortunately, some retailers like Home Depot, have committed to begin labeling plants that have been treated with neonics. Grant monies cannot be used to purchase such plants. Before purchasing your plant, we encourage you to ask if they have been treated with pesticides. Bosky Dell Natives in West Linn sells only pesticide-free plants. Xerces Society provides a brochure on how to avoid pesticide-treated plants.

<http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/NeonicsInYourGarden.pdf>

What kind of pollinators are we trying to help? Much attention has been given to honeybees, a non-native species that is an important pollinator of food crops. Our grant program is focused on native pollinators who also pollinate food crops and serve a wide variety of essential roles in ecosystems.

What is the Application Deadline?

All proposals are due by email or mail at 5pm (PDT) **on April 30, 2015**. Please email your application to foodandfaith@emoregon.org or mail to Jenny Holmes, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, 0245 SW Bancroft St., Suite B, Portland, OR 97239. **No late applications will be accepted.** We will send a confirmation email to let you know your proposal has been received. If you have specific questions about your proposal, feel free to call Alison Warren or Jenny Holmes at 503-221-1054.

How are Applications Processed and Managed?

All applications are reviewed by a committee made up of representatives from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. We are looking for diversity within our grantees. We will notify all applicants of our decisions in late March 2015. **A short project report is due by October 30, 2015.** For further questions please contact Jenny or Alison at 503-221-1054.

The Application Requirements

Please send a cover letter from your organization and the following completed application form by April 30th to be considered in the 2015 grant cycle.

**Pollinator Seed Grant Application Form
2015**

Name:

Title:

Organization (and faith affiliation if it is not clear in the title of your organization):

Address:

Phone number of applicant:

Phone number of organization:

Email address:

Web address:

Project title:

Start date and end date of project:

Amount of Request: \$_____

1. Project description (Limit 1-2 pages):

Please summarize in this order:

- a) The general purpose of your project*
- b) What geographic area will the project serve? (square feet, # of acres) Please describe the current landscape (ex. lawn, pavement, playground, etc.)*
- c) Your measurable outcomes (ex. 50 sq. ft. in native pollinator habitat, signage seen by 500 people, etc.)*
- d) The activities needed to accomplish the project*
- e) What you or your organization has already done to prepare for the project.*

2. Population served

- a) How many people will the project serve?*
- b) Please briefly describe the target population(s) to be served (ex. children attending daycare, congregation members, school children, etc.)*

3. Partners

- a) Will you partner with any other organizations on this project? If so, which ones?*

4. Project Budget

- a) What is the total project budget? What percent of that total budget are you requesting from EMO?*
- b) How will the remaining funds be raised?*
- c) Please include a detailed budget.*

5. Have you watched the pollinator webinars at

<http://watershedsandwildlife.org/index.php/pollinators>? If so, which one? Also, did you attend our pollinator workshop on September 22, 2014 or another workshop or educational event on pollinators? Please describe.

Thank you for your application!