



## Green Grants

### Background

The Green Grant Program was launched in 2021, inspired by local interest in wetland protection, flooding prevention, outdoor education, climate action, native planting, and local action. Proposals are encouraged from schools, businesses, congregations, neighborhood organizations, clubs, and others.

### Project Examples

- Native Plants, Shrubs, and Trees
- Buffer Zones/Natural Vegetative Buffers
- Rain Gardens/Bioswales
- Green Roofs/Living Walls
- Outdoor Classrooms or Gathering Spaces
- Natural Shorelines
- Energy-Related Projects
- Educational projects that involve birds, bats, trees, native plants, pollinators, art, signage, stormwater management, alternative energy, food, composting, gardens, nature, and more!

### Proposals

Proposals are evaluated by the Green Grant Committee based on educational value, ecological impact, and clarity. The Committee recommends projects to the Environmental Commission for final approval. Please provide information requested on the Green Grant Request for Proposal Form.

### Timetable

Any Time	Discuss ideas with your organization, business, association, school, and other.
Mar 15	Submit proposal Green Grants Team (c/o <a href="mailto:harvey@meridian.mi.us">harvey@meridian.mi.us</a> ) Deadline may be extended if dollars remain uncommitted.
March	Green Grant Committee begins review.
Apr 1	Grantee completes Green Grant Agreement Form (and W-9 if not already provided) 50% payment in May. Balance processed after acceptable budgeted receipts are submitted.
Ongoing	Share pictures, questions, and progress reports. Presentations invited to Environmental Commission and/or Township Board.
Dec 30	Project completion deadline (unless extension granted)

### More information

- <https://news.jrn.msu.edu/2023/10/meridian-townships-environmental-grants-impact-local-communities/>
- [www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure](http://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure)
- [www.greenschoolyards.org](http://www.greenschoolyards.org)
- [bit.ly/meridiangreenmap](https://bit.ly/meridiangreenmap)

If you have questions, please contact the Meridian Township Environmental Programs Coordinator at 517.853.4466 or [Harvey@meridian.mi.us](mailto:Harvey@meridian.mi.us). The Environmental Commission may make changes to this project as needed.

# Green Grant Request for Proposal

(Please use this form or create your own document)

1. Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Information (email and address)

3. A brief description of project

4. Team leader(s) and team members

5. Outreach plan to inform the community

6. Expected materials and/or services needed

7. Project schedule (approximate)

8. Project budget (matching / in-kind contributions are encouraged)

9. Attachments: Please include a W-9 form (unless already provided). Other optional items might include an operation and/or maintenance plan, pictures, rough designs/concept drawings, etc. Please list attachments: