



Bedford Area Masters Gardeners Association (BAMGA)

2026 Gardening Educational Grant Application

The Bedford Area Master Gardeners Association (BAMGA), is an organization of trained volunteers under Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. The BAMGA mission is to advise, educate, and serve the citizens of Bedford County In their horticultural needs.

The Bedford Area Master Gardener Association launched a grant program to promote gardening education to Bedford County Virginia nonprofit organizations.

Award: The award of up to \$250 is intended to provide funding to assist nonprofit Bedford County Virginia organizations to gain knowledge and access to gardening and planting.

Please see separate document on criteria and eligibility requirements.

The application deadline is January 31, 2026.

If you have questions, please contact The Bedford Area Master Gardeners Grant Committee at gardengrant@bedfordareamastergardeners.org or the Bedford County Cooperative Extension Office at 540-586-7675

Instructions for application completion- Review and fully complete application before submitting to gardengrant@bedfordareamastergardeners.org.

Timelines For Applications

- Application submittals Begin October 1, 2025
- Deadline for applications January 31, 2026
- Application Review period February 1-15 2026
- Applicants Notifications – February 14-21, 2026
- Final Report-April 2027 or earlier

Application can be sent electronically to gardengrant@bedfordareamastergardeners.org or by U.S. mail to BAMGA Garden Grants, 1257 County Farm Rd., Suite B., Bedford VA 24523.

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Part I

Primary Contact:

First and Last Name

Email Address

Phone

Part II

Are you representing a nonprofit organization? Identify yes or no

Is the School Principal or organization Director aware of grant application? Identify yes or no

Is garden project edible garden, native, pollinator or combo of all? Identify yes or no

Part III

Organization Information

Name of Organization

Street

County

State

Zipcode

Phone Number

Organization Mission:

Organization EIN# or School NCES #:

PART IV

Provide a Description of Your Project including purpose and goals:

Part V Schools Only (Skip to Part VI if not school participant)

of participants/students involved in Garden Grant Project?

of classrooms involved in Garden Grant Project

How will the Garden Grant Project Be Evaluated?

What are the plans to do with the plants/garden you grow? (Mark selection(s))

- Donation to food bank, cafeteria
- Classroom Education
- Given out to class to take home
- Other (Specify)

NOTE: Signed letter of support from School Principal must accompany application.

Part VI Other Nonprofit Organizations

How will Garden Project be maintained over time?

How will Garden Grant Project be shared with public? (mark selection(s))

- Press Release
- Blog
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Website
- Other (Specify)

How will the Garden Grant Project be integrated into your nonprofit organization?

How will you evaluate the success of your Garden Grant Project?

PART VIII Application Status Notification

You will receive confirmation that your application has been received. All applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2026. All applicants, regardless of status, will be notified on or about February 21, 2026.