City of Fort Collins
Natural Areas
2020 Nature in the City Grants
1/15/2020 deadline

Sample Application

Pre-Application

1. What is the address of your proposed project?
(Although most Nature in the City projects need to be within the city limits to qualify for funding, your project might still qualify. Please complete the remainder of the pre-qualification and staff will contact you for further discussion.)

2. Briefly describe your project and why it will be a compelling project to receive Nature in the City funds.

3. Are you the owner of the property where you'd like to complete a community project OR do you have written permission from the property owner that you can complete this project?
- ⊝ Yes
- ⊝ No
- ⊝ Need to Clarify? Please explain:

4. Have you secured all community approvals needed for your project to move forward?
(e.g. HOA, school district approval)
- ⊝ Yes
- ⊝ No
- ⊝ If no, please explain:

5. Do you have a plan for long-term care and costs of your project?
You will have an opportunity to describe your plan in the full application.
- ⊝ Yes
- ⊝ No

6. If awarded a grant, you will be required to sign a Nature in the City project agreement similar to the one referenced in the "NIC Background & Guide to Submitting a Proposal" document. After reviewing this agreement, would you be able to agree to the terms of the agreement?
- ⊝ Yes
- ⊝ No

Application Questions

General Information

1. What type of grant are you applying for?
- ⊖ Residential
- ⊖ Neighborhood
- ⊖ Community

2. In one to two paragraphs, please provide an overview of your community project, include details about the elements of your landscape plan and where this project will be located on your property.

3. In one to two paragraphs, explain how this project aligns with Nature in the City priorities, the audience this project will engage, why you believe this is a compelling project for Nature in the City to fund, and the impact this project will make.

4. Tell us about the challenges and barriers that you are most likely to encounter in the design, implementation, and ongoing maintenance of this project. Additionally, provide information about how you are set up to address them as they arise.

5. What is the total cost of your project? (Amount must match what is listed in your budget worksheet)

6. What is the total amount of your NIC Community Grant request? (Amount must match what is listed in your budget worksheet)

Alignment with Nature in the City Strategic Goals

7. Describe how your project will support a diversity of plants and animals, please include details about your plan for including native plants.

8. Describe the primary community that will engage with this project, how your project will be accessible to a broader community, and any limitations on access.

9. Describe your efforts to build support for the project with your neighborhood and/or the community you serve/engage. *(Neighborhood and Community grants only)*

10. Describe how you have or plan to talk to your neighbors about the changes you will be making to your yard. *(Residential grants only)*

11. Select the 2 aspects of the City Strategic Plan that your project best supports:
For more information, please see City Strategic Plan here: https://ourcity.fcgov.com/2020strategicplan

- ⊖ 1.3 Improve accessibility to City and community programs and services to low- and moderate-income populations;
- ⊖ 1.6 Protect and preserve the quality of life in neighborhoods;
- ⊖ 2.4 Protect the health and longevity of the tree canopy;
- ⊖ 3.4 Foster infill and redevelopment that enhances the community;
- ⊖ 4.8 Protect and enhance natural resources on City-owned properties and throughout the community;
- ⊖ 4.9 Sustain and improve the health of the Cache la Poudre River and its watershed;
- ⊖ 5.5 Address water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs for the protection of people, property and the environment.

Project Approvals

12. It is common for projects to require a building permit or a minor amendment from the City. Have you consulted with the City's Planning Services staff to discuss whether you need a building permit or minor amendment to proceed with your project? *(Neighborhood and Community grants only)*

- ⊝ Yes
- ⊝ No

13. After discussing your project with Planning Services and your project team, describe what permits will be required (i.e. HOA, schools) and/or what development review processes you will need to go through for your project. *(Neighborhood and Community grants only)*

14. What approvals will be required to complete your project? Have you received these approvals yet?

15. IF NO TO ABOVE QUESTIONS, Are you interested in additional assistance to help guide your project through this process and/or a small planning grant to support this preliminary work? *(Neighborhood and Community grants only)*

Funding

16. Have you or the organization you are representing previously received funding from Nature in the City or the Natural Areas Department (i.e. Certified Natural Area Enhancement Fund) for this or another project?

17. Please list any funding for your project provided by or in review with other City of Fort Collins grant programs (i.e. Xeriscape Incentive Programs)

18. Are you currently part of the City of Fort Collins Utilities water Allotment Management Program? *(Neighborhood and Community grants only)*

19. Unfortunately, Nature in the City funds can't be used for ongoing maintenance. Please describe your plan for the long-term costs and care of your project.

20. While Nature in the City does not require a specific match to our granting dollars, we do encourage projects to leverage additional funding sources. Please provide details about other funding sources you anticipate will contribute to the overall costs of this project; match can be reflected in both in-kind/time-related, or monetary contributions.

Timeline

21. Describe your plan for installation and completion of this project, include an anticipated timeline, any specific deadlines or timing constraints you may have, and who you will be working to design or install the project.

Required Attachments

Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
1. Budget Template download template	✔	
2. Project Team Template download template	✔	
3. Landscape Plan (upload your own pdf/jpeg)	✔	

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