

**Award II E**  
**CIVIC DEVELOPMENT & HISTORIC LANDSCAPE**  
**PRESERVATION GRANTS**

**Purpose:** To encourage member garden clubs to pursue community improvement and historic preservation projects by providing seed money grants for new or a new phase of an on going, permanent, planting project. Completed projects, plantings at commercial sites, and requests solely for yearly maintenance costs are not eligible.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts approved setting aside \$2000 each year for Civic Development/Historic Preservation grants to state garden clubs for local projects. The Committee can fund up to four applications annually.

**Procedures:** Submit a copy of the application, **deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Submit** by mail or electronically (electronic application preferred)

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- 1) Clubs receiving grants are expected to take an active role in completing their projects.
- 2) Clubs have one year after the official notification of their award at the GCFM Fall Conference to complete their projects and must provide photos of progress made on the project and a one-page report showing expenditures and improvements by October 1st of the following year.
- 3) Grant money cannot be transferred to another project.
- 4) Clubs who do not submit this report will be asked to return their grants. A one year extension may be arranged if the report substantiates its need.
- 5) Winning clubs are not eligible to apply for a new project until three (3) years after receiving a previous award.
- 6) A member of the winning club must be present at the Fall Conference to accept the Grant.

**Civic Development Grants** are made for new or on-going projects that garden clubs will help maintain. A long-term maintenance plan must be included.

Examples of appropriate projects:

- Municipal planting projects, including traffic islands, parks, etc.
- Landscaping at schools, memorial halls, libraries
- Plantings of labeled trails at nature preserves

**Historic Landscape Preservation Grants** are given for new or on-going projects designed to preserve the past in the context of the present. Grants are awarded for the improvement of sites that are of historic significance to the local community. Preference is given to accurate plans that relate to the history of the property and are practical for current uses of the property. A long-term maintenance plan must be included. Examples of appropriate projects:

- Restoration of landscaping at a historic building/property in your community
- Projects undertaken with local Historic Preservation groups
- Creation of a garden that is appropriate and authentic to a particular significant historic period of the building on the property and/or an historically recognized style
- A landscape that is 50 years or older & has historical significance
- A landscape project associated with a building/property that is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, Landmarked, or in a local Historic District