

The purpose of The Environmental Center's Garden Grants program is to provide funding to public and private schools and youth organizations in Central Oregon to start, expand, improve or support a new or existing school garden or outdoor classroom. Gardens can be indoor or outdoor, edible and/or native/pollinator gardens. *There is no set minimum or maximum funding limit.* In an effort to award grant checks more efficiently, grant awardees will have to invoice The Environmental Center for the grant award amount. If more than one school in a district receives a grant, we will work with the district to combine invoices for increased efficiency. Call 541-385-6908 or email [info@envirocenter.org](mailto:info@envirocenter.org) for questions or support.

- All public and private Pre-K-12 schools and youth organizations in Central Oregon.
- Applications can be submitted by: teachers, principals, school staff, student clubs and parents.
- You completed grant reporting for a prior year's garden grant you received.
- Our priority for funding are schools/orgs in communities where no one has applied before (currently only La Pine & Metolius) communities where only 1-3 grants have been awarded (Warm Springs, Madras, Culver, Prineville) or schools/orgs that serve marginalized students, in any community.

- The application is complete and the project can reasonably be expected to start this school year.
- The application is approved by the school/org administration, and includes a complete budget.
- If this is a NEW outdoor garden within the Bend-La Pine or Redmond School District, you must already have completed a 'School Garden Development Application' and have it approved. *(If you are starting a garden this year, we can help you complete the application, and you can apply for a grant next school year.)*

- Garden Supplies: tools, seeds, starts, soil, compost, etc.
- Garden Infrastructure: fencing, irrigation, wood, grow lights, etc.
- Outdoor Classroom supplies: picnic tables, benches, work benches, shade sails, etc.,
- Garden Beautification: Art project supplies, flower bulbs, signage, etc.
- Maintenance: Stipend for teachers or parents who put in extra time on behalf of a garden.

- Applications Due: Friday, November 14th, 2025
- Grants Awarded: Mid-January, 2026
- Progress Report Due: Friday, May 29th, 2026

