

## **Master Gardeners of Central Georgia**

### **CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANT MONEY**

***MGCG MISSION STATEMENT:*** Master Gardeners of Central Georgia promote good horticultural practices and contribute to our community through horticulture education and service.

- 1. As an organization, the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia allocates monies each year to help support a variety of horticultural projects in the state of Georgia and middle Georgia area. The number of requests that will be funded depends on the amount of money available each year. As a general guideline, grants usually are in the \$100-\$400 range.**
- 2. Any person or organization requesting funding for their project must complete a written application (form provided) and provide detailed information regarding the project. If selected for funding, an agreement with MGCG must be signed stating that the group will provide a brief written report and photos. The recipient of MGCG funding must agree to provide additional information, including financial accountings on request and be open to visits by the MGCG Board or its representatives.**
- 3. Organizations submitting applications must be non-profit and must not have political affiliations. They also should have at least one county-registered Master Gardener among their members.**
- 4. The purpose of the project should be educational and should promote and involve the community in gardening.**
- 6. The project should utilize as many Master Gardeners as possible.**
- 7. The project should have realistic goals and objectives, and the funds granted should make a significant contribution to the project.**
- 8. The project should make a difference, even in a small way, to the community it serves.**
- 9. Once completed, the project should have a regular maintenance schedule to ensure its continued operation.**
- 10. Any group that receives a grant will be required to submit a brief report which should include photos with names and permission to publish along with project receipts showing how the money was spent to the MGCG Grant Committee. All reports are due within one calendar year.**

### **Project Funding Items Currently Approved**

- **Plants**
- **Planting Material - soil, amendments, fertilizer, etc**
- **Educational Signs**
- **Landscape Timbers**
- **Initial Irrigation / Pond Supplies**
- **Pamphlets, tapes, docent programs, hands-on teaching expenses and materials**

### **Project Funding Items Currently Denied**

- **Hand tools, wheelbarrows and tillers**
- **Hoses**
- **Hardscape - cement sidewalks**
- **Sheds, arbors, walls, terraces - liability issue**
- **Grading - liability issue**
- **Power equipment - bulldozers, backhoes and/or operator fees - liability issue**
- **Correction of drainage - liability issue**
- **Benches, plant containers, birdbaths and feeders**
- **Maintenance materials such as replacement plants, amendments and pesticides**
- **For profit organizations**