



**● BRIDGETON LANDFILL
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Greening, Gardening & Outdoor Living Initiative and RFP

Information Session

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Today's Purpose

To ensure that potential applicants for the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund's greening, gardening, and outdoor living grants have the information that they need to put forward a strong grant application.



Today's Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Fund Overview
3. Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative
4. Partnership with Gateway Greening
5. The Request for Proposals & Process for Applying
6. Questions & Answers
7. Closing remarks



St. Louis Community Foundation

St. Louis Community Foundation inspires purposeful philanthropy that connects community and donors to build and preserve a more equitable and vibrant region, now and forever.

- In 2019, \$98 million granted to more than 2,724 nonprofits
- 95% of granted funds have stayed in St. Louis
- \$1.2 million through this Fund

The Settlement

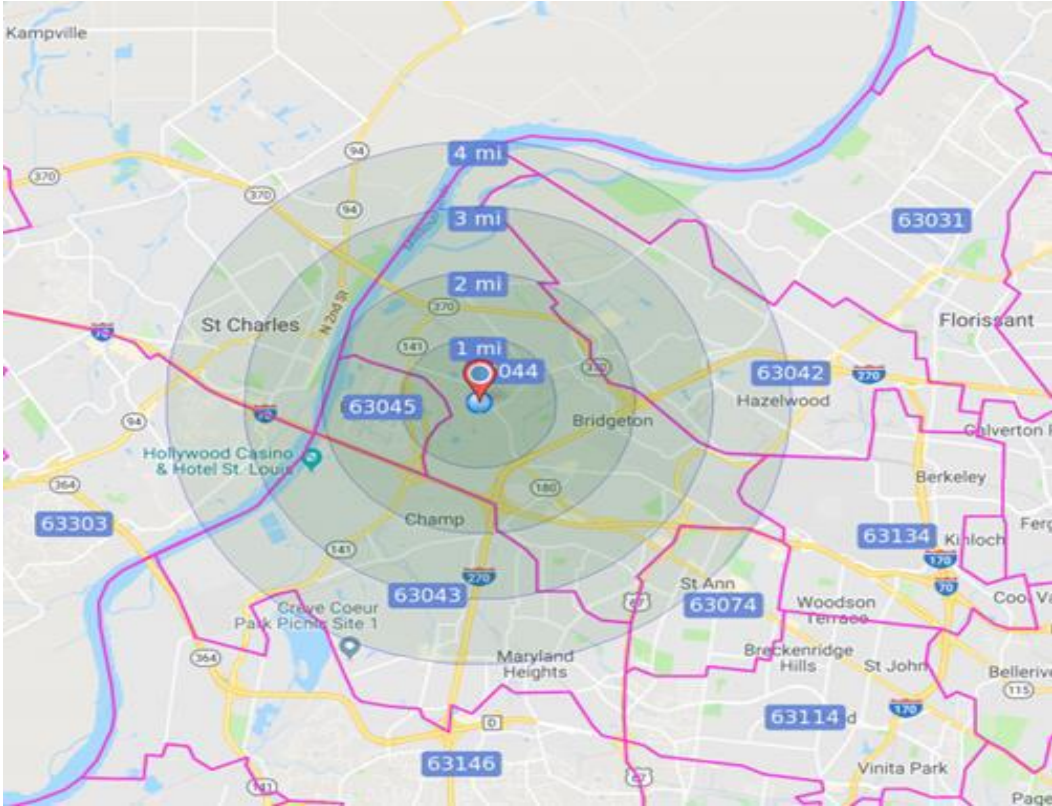
- In 2013 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources filed a suit regarding the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) at the Bridgeton Landfill
- In June 2018 Republic Services and subsidiaries settled the lawsuit
- The settlement focused on control and monitoring of the SSE
- In addition, the settlement created a \$12.5 million community betterment fund called the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund



How the Funds Will Be Used

- Community betterment in the areas of
 - ▶ health
 - ▶ public safety
 - ▶ the environment
- Communities impacted by the SSE, with priority given to a four-mile radius from the Landfill
- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations
- Funds will be designated within four years

Four Mile Radius



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The Funds **CANNOT** Be Used For

- Payments to individuals
- Acquisition of any property
- Support of any type of legal proceeding
- Reimbursement or payment for any past expenses, damages, or losses incurred by any person
- Any project or initiative created or funded by the State of Missouri

Process for Determining Funding Initiatives

- Gathered community input
 - ▶ Over 35 meetings with more than 70 people
 - ▶ Four focus groups with more than 20 organizations
 - ▶ Four Community Meetings
- Attended Just Moms community meetings
- Reviewed documents and studies
- Researched demographics
- Reviewed data from United Way and Children's Services Fund

Sample of Meetings

City of Bridgeton
City of Maryland Heights
City of St. Ann
City of St. Charles
DePaul Hospital
Greater St. Louis Labor Council
Holy Spirit Parish
Hussman Corporation
Just Moms
Metropolitan Sewer District
Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Missouri Dept of Health & Human Services
Missouri Dept of Natural Resources
Missouri Foundation for Health

Missouri State Representative, District 70
North County Incorporated
Operation Food Search
Pattonville Fire District
Pattonville School District
Republic Services, Bridgeton Landfill
St. Charles County Council
St. Charles County Government
St. Louis Area Foodbank
St. Louis County Children's Services Fund
St. Louis County Government
St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Dist
United Way of Greater St. Louis
Westlake Community Action Group



What We Have Learned

- The community is changing
- This is a large employment center for people who live elsewhere
- There is a high need for basic services
- There are few social services in the St. Louis County side of the target area
- People here love their community

Fund Focus Areas

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (awarded Spring 2019)
- Community Greening and Gardening (2020)
- Public Safety (ongoing)
- Access to Health Care (2020)
- Small “Community” Grants for Nonprofits in the Footprint

Greening, Gardening and Outdoor Living

Initiative Vision:

The community around the Bridgeton Landfill will be healthier through changes to its surrounding environment, including increases in renewable resources, access to healthy food, and physical activity

Initiative Goal:

The area surrounding the Bridgeton Landfill will benefit from improvements to its natural environment.



What We Heard

- Protection of natural resources is a concern
- Recognition of the connection between the safety of the physical environment and the well-being of the community at large
- Ideas ranged from monitoring air, water, and soil quality & contamination to watershed restoration, flood security, and riverbank preservation

“A healthy environment is required to live a healthy life ...”

“Community gardens may help to bring the community together.”

“Maybe a public greenhouse ... some people won’t trust food grown in the soil here.”

“People feel it’s not safe to use the public parks.”



Within Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living

- Planting, including community gardens & orchards
- Clean up of natural areas and/or providing natural reinforcements such as berms
- Education regarding the benefits of the natural environment
- Creation of or enhancements to natural environments that promote physical activity



Partnership with *Gateway Greening*



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Partnership with *Gateway Greening*

- Focus on the planting proposals
- Assist organizations install and/or expand a community garden, school garden, urban orchard, or urban farm
- Use a proven four-phase planning & implementation process
- Recommend project parameters and funding, including raised beds, soil, tools, seeds, plants & trees
- Provide ongoing support



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Gateway Greening Information Sessions

Learn more about the Four-Phase Process for building or expanding community gardens

February 13, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

or

February 29, 2020 from 10:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Bridgeton Recreation Center

4201 Fee Fee Road

Bridgeton MO 63044

RSVP: bridgetoncpf@stlgives.org



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Requests for Proposals



Who Should Apply

- Organizations and projects that are currently in place within the target area
- Organizations and projects that are currently in place elsewhere and may be expanded to the target area
- Organizations and projects that target people living and/or working within the target area
- Public entities other than Missouri State government will be considered

Types of Projects*

- Community Gardens, including rain gardens, pollinator gardens, and food-producing gardens
- Programming that educates about and encourages use of natural environment
- Restoration of empty lots / property to native plants and/or plants that attract pollinators
- Restoration of outdoor space for recreational use open to the community
- Building berms
- Storm water collection and irrigation
- Invasive species removal
- Stream repair, including trash clean up
- Inclusive playground

*not an exhaustive list of projects that will be considered for funding

Special Considerations

- Partnerships and collaborations are encouraged and should be clearly documented
 - ▶ If municipal or county support is necessary for the project, please indicate who you are working with at that municipality
- Funding is only available through 2022; sustainability of the project should be clearly outlined
- Projects that include under-represented populations are of particular interest

Appropriate Use of Funds

Funds **CANNOT** be used for:

- ▶ General operating support
- ▶ Employee Salaries
- ▶ Debt reduction
- ▶ Fundraising Events
- ▶ Individuals requesting for services or restoration of their private property
- ▶ Acquisition of any property



Grant Size

- Estimate providing \$1.5 million for this initiative. This may include:
 - ▶ A few “large” six-figure grants
 - ▶ Several five-figure grants
 - ▶ Several four-figure grants
- Some grants may be approved pending a final budget developed with Gateway Greening
- TIP: If you have a fantastic lower budget project, please do not inflate it because you believe there are more funds available

Application

Available on the St. Louis Community Foundation grant portal:
grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives

- ▶ Create a new account (unless you already have one)
- ▶ Allows you to save your work and go back to it



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Application Hints

- We want to see that you have an understanding of this community
- If your project depends on partnerships, be specific
- The DEI questions are important for this changing community

Grant Review Committee

- Members of the St. Louis Community Foundation Board's Community Engagement Committee
- Residents of the impacted area
- Business representatives
- Public sector leader
- Two funding partners
- St. Charles representative



Timeline

Date	Activity
Jan 21, 2020	Request for Proposals released
Feb 11, 2020	General Information Session
Feb 13 & 29, 2020	Gateway Greening Information Sessions
Through March 31	Question & Answer Period
March 31, 2020	Grant proposals due at 5:00 pm
May 2020	Grants awarded



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Questions?



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Final Thoughts

- We are deeply committed to using these funds to positively impact this community
- We are looking for partners in that commitment
- We are striving for transparency throughout the process
- We are available for questions between now and March 31 (and after)

Good luck!



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