



Request for Proposals for Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative

Issued on Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Proposals due by 5:00 pm Central Time on March 31, 2020 and may be found at:
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives>



BACKGROUND

The Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund (Bridgeton Fund) was established in July 2018 with \$12.5 million from a legal settlement between the State of Missouri and Republic Services, Allied Services, and Bridgeton Landfill, LLC regarding the subsurface smoldering event at the Bridgeton Landfill in Bridgeton, MO. Per the terms of the settlement, the Bridgeton Fund will support nonprofit (501c3) organizations providing services in or located within a four-mile radius of the Bridgeton Landfill. Grants from the Bridgeton Fund are for initiatives that contribute to the betterment of the environment, health, and safety of the communities within this area. The Bridgeton Fund will sunset in 2022.

The St. Louis Community Foundation manages the grant-making for the Bridgeton Fund and undertook an information-gathering process to determine community priorities in the three focus areas of public safety, health, and the environment. This process has included one-on-one and small group meetings with stakeholders in the targeted community, focus groups, and community meetings. As a result, four funding areas emerged as of primary interest:

- Public Safety
- Access to Health Care
- Access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (awarded Spring 2019)
- Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living

This request for proposals is specific to Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living.

The Bridgeton Fund may not be used for the following:

- 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 and controlled by the State of Missouri, except any environmental cleanup project explicitly authorized by Missouri law

More information about the Bridgeton Landfill and the settlement can be accessed at the following websites:

- Department of Natural Resources: www.dnr.mo.gov/bridgeton
- Bridgeton Landfill, LLC: www.bridgetonlandfill.com
- Missouri Attorney General: www.ago.mo.gov/home

For more information about the St. Louis Community Foundation and the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund, please visit our website at www.stlgives.org.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative is for the area surrounding the Bridgeton Landfill to benefit from improvements to its natural environment. Through the community needs assessment, the St. Louis Community Foundation identified interest in ways the natural and built environments in the four-mile radius could be used to improve air quality as well as to promote a sense of and pride in the community. Our vision is that over time, the Greening, Gardening and Outdoor Living Initiative will result in a healthier environment, renewable resources, access to healthy food, and increased physical activity.

Projects and programs will be focused within the four-mile radius of the Bridgeton Landfill (please see Exhibit 1 for a map of the area). Of particular interest are projects that include historically under-represented populations such as people of color, people with disabilities, English language learners, and those with low to moderate incomes.

Possible projects and programs may include but are not limited to:

- Planting
 - Community gardens or community orchards
 - Food production, including urban farms and/or orchards
 - Pollinator gardens including apiaries
 - Gardens or plantings that collect rain for irrigation
 - Gardens or plantings with other environmental benefits
- Clean up of natural areas
- Natural reinforcements, such as berms
- Education regarding the benefits of the natural environment
- Creation of or enhancements to natural environments that promote physical activity

The St. Louis Community Foundation is partnering with Gateway Greening to provide technical assistance to local community groups (churches, neighborhood associations, schools, other nonprofits, etc.) who are interested in community gardens or orchards but do not have the experience, infrastructure, or materials and equipment to launch a garden without additional support. Gateway Greening will be introducing their four-phase development process at two Orientation Sessions described below. Organizations interested in planting proposals are encouraged to attend one of the orientation sessions.

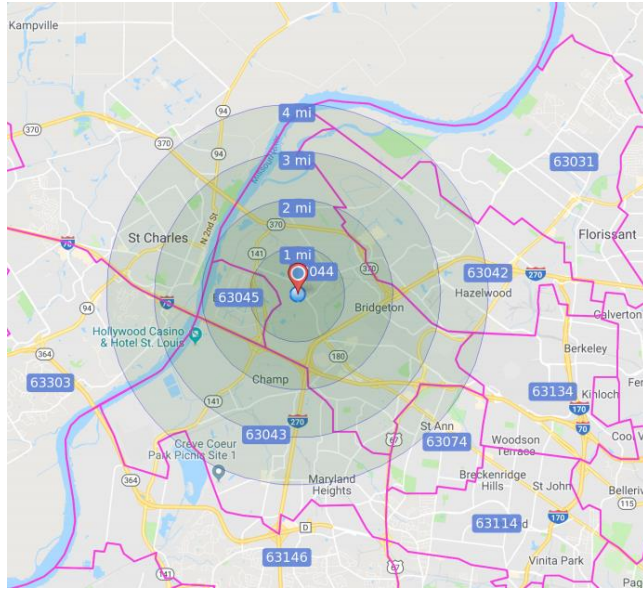
The St. Louis Community Foundation will hold a general information session for organizations interested in the Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative on February 11, 2020, details below.

Grants may be for up to three years and may be renewed based on the success of each year of funding. Proposals must address sustainability of the project/program after the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund sunsets in 2022.



The St. Louis Community Foundation has designated \$1.5 million for the Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative over three years.

Exhibit 1: Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund Geographic Area



TIMELINE

Date	Activity
January 21, 2020	Request for Proposals released
February 11, 2020	General Information Session (see below for information)
February 13, 2020	Gateway Greening Information Session (see below for information)
February 29, 2020	Gateway Greening Information Session (see below for information)
March 31, 2019	Grant proposals due at 5:00 pm
May 2020	Grants awarded

ELIGIBILITY

Any nonprofit that is a 501(c)3 or is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3, and meets the requirements outlined in this RFP, may apply for funding from the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund. This may include some governmental or semi-governmental entities, such as libraries and schools. The nonprofit does not have to exist within the four-mile radius, though the proposed program, project, or initiative must be located within or serving the people who live and/or work within the four-mile radius.

As stated above, priority will be given to projects or programs that include historically under-represented populations such as people of color, people with disabilities, English language learners, and people with low to moderate incomes.



APPLICATION

The application for funding through the Greening, Gardening, and Outdoor Living Initiative may be accessed on the St. Louis Community Foundation's online grant portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives>. Once there, either create an account for your organization or, if you have already established an account, enter your account information and check on "Bridgeton Fund – Greening."

You may find more information about the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund on the nonprofit page of St. Louis Community Foundation's website at: <https://stlgives.org/nonprofits/grants-management/>.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 31, 2020. Technical assistance with the online application will not be available after 3:00 pm on March 31.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The St. Louis Community Foundation will host an information session for any organization interested in applying for these grants.

Date: February 11, 2020 from 3 pm – 5 pm (at the latest)

Location: St. Louis Community Foundation, #2 Oak Knoll Park, St. Louis 63105

RSVP: bridgetoncfp@stlgives.org

Note: Due to space restrictions, please limit attendance to two people per organization.

In addition, Gateway Greening will hold two Orientation Sessions for organizations interested in planting projects. Logistics include:

February 13, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

or

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

Location: Bridgeton Recreation Center

4201 Fee Fee Road

Bridgeton MO 63044

RSVP: bridgetoncpf@stlgives.org with date of session



QUESTIONS

Please contact us with questions about the Bridgeton Fund and this RFP. The primary contact is:

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