

Florida Wildflower Foundation

2025 Seeds of Knowledge Library Demonstration Garden Grant Pilot Program Application

This Florida Wildflower Foundation grant program provides funding to establish a native plant demonstration garden at public libraries. It also includes Florida native seed packets for dispersal to the public through a seed library.

The goals of this program are to:

- establish or enhance a native demonstration planting at a public library
- provide educational programming relevant to the planting and its purpose.
- increase the awareness and knowledge of native wildflowers, grasses and flowering shrubs and vines among visitors by demonstrating the benefits and beauty of Florida native plants in cultivated landscapes.
- establish and maintain a seed library on site with Florida native ecotype seeds and make them available for distribution to the public. (Seeds will be provided by the Foundation and will be appropriate for the region. Additional yearly support for the seed library may be applied for.)



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Florida libraries: Be part of something wildly new!

We are thrilled to introduce the pilot phase of our **Seeds of Knowledge Library Demonstration Garden Grant** program! Libraries, this is your library's chance to bring the beauty and importance of Florida's native plants to life. Create a vibrant, educational demonstration garden that will inspire your community and support local pollinators!

We are looking for **three Florida libraries** to lead the way as pilot sites. Selected libraries selected will receive:

- **Up to \$750** to purchase native plants and create a demonstration garden.
- **Educational resources** to engage your community in learning about native plants and the pollinators they attract.
- **Native seed packets** to share with visitors through a seed library.



West Oaks Library, Ocoee



The Seeds of Knowledge Library Demonstration Garden Grant brings public awareness to support a growing interest in native plants. As community hubs and centers of learning and activity, libraries attract and serve a diverse population of varying races, ages, genders and socioeconomic backgrounds, many of whom may not be aware of the importance, function and beauty of native plants. As such, libraries present a unique opportunity to showcase native plants and the pollinators they attract to a large and potentially unfamiliar audience by way of small native plant demonstration landscapes.

The grant's objective is to familiarize people with a wide array of native plants, demonstrate their landscaping potential, and highlight their crucial role in supporting local wildlife. This is achieved through demonstrative gardens featuring educational elements, alongside a seed library that distributes Florida native seeds suited to the region.

This program is funded by donations made through the sale of the State Wildflower license plate. To purchase a tag or become a member of the Florida Wildflower Foundation, visit FlaWildflowers.org/support.