



# North Dakota Junior Master Gardener Program Grants

## 2019 Grant Application

Project name: Firefighters, Flowers and Friends

County: Ransom

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Location of Garden: Lisbon Fire Department

**1. Briefly describe your garden project including its major goals. Please include a description of activities. (150 words or less)**

Children look up to firefighters. Firefighters are unsung heroes who run to the scene of danger in the blink of an eye. Recently, Lisbon built a new fire hall to better serve its community. The new facility was finished in the fall and features state-of-the-art equipment and much more room. Three flagpoles stand outside featuring the American flag, the Firefighter's flag, and the North Dakota flag. What the flag pole area does not feature is any sort of landscaping.

Enter Firefighters, Flowers, and Friends, a project that will provide beauty to the flagpole area, while encouraging the kids in our community to support our local firefighters by donating their time and energy in a much-needed landscape project. Kids will be encouraged to sign up for a one-day event with the goal of planting a flower garden with their local firefighters.

**2. How will your project make a difference to its *children*? (150 words or less)**

The children who participate in the Firefighters, Flowers, and Friends event will experience what it means to give back to our community heroes. They will get to meet and work alongside firefighters in planting a flower garden. This interaction will open up opportunities for the kids to learn what firefighters do, ask questions, and laugh all while working outside. Kids and firefighters will learn proper planting techniques before teaming up to plant annual and perennial flowers in a landscape design suitable for a flagpole area.

The kids will experience landscape design on a larger level than their home gardens. Their flagpole design will be visible to all traffic driving through Lisbon on Highway 32. These children will experience a sense of pride and accomplishment. They will talk to their family and friends about their service project and how they were able to help make the fire hall shine.

**3. How will your project make a difference in your *community*? (150 words or less)**

The community of Lisbon will benefit from this project in that the fire hall will look more welcoming. The flower garden will soften the hard lines of the building and provide a much-needed green space for pollinators and people. This beautification will act as a huge “thank you” to the Lisbon firefighters who volunteer their time and energy toward saving lives and property.

Teachers can bring their classes to the flag pole area to learn about pollinators. The accessibility of this public garden will make it a welcoming and beautiful stop for those driving through Lisbon as well. Future plans for this area would include a bench and a plaque recognizing fallen firefighters in the line of duty. Various non-profit groups could utilize this garden as a community service project as it will need weeding, watering, and planting each year.

**4. Please estimate the number of participants directly involved in the project:**

Young children (3–12 years old): 16

Teens (13–17 years old): 2

Adults: 6

**5. Briefly list any partners (such as 4-H, FFA, school, church, garden center, parks department) that are involved. Briefly describe their roles in the project.** Be very brief.

- NDSU Extension – Ransom County - advertising and managing this event
- Lisbon Public Schools - advertising this event
- Sheyenne Greenhouse - plants
- Chirping Tree Farms - plants

- Lisbon True Value - garden materials such as peat and edging
- Lisbon Fire Department - watering supplies and firefighter helpers

## 6. Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Transplants	\$365
Peat bales	45
Lawn edging	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$440</b>

Mulch will be donated by the Lisbon landfill. Watering supplies will be donated by the Lisbon Fire Department

**For projects coordinated by organizations  
outside of NDSU Extension**

**(to be completed by local NDSU educator)**

Please describe your Extension office's involvement in this garden program (recruiting youth, teaching, coordinating volunteers, providing meeting space). (150 words or less)

*The extension office will recruit youth & help coordinate the project. Teaching materials will also be offered by the extension office. A great opportunity for the extension office to be part of a community project.*

I support this project and will work with the coordinator to ensure a positive educational experience for the youth.

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Name of NDSU Extension staff

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