



North Dakota Junior Master Gardener Program Grants

2019 Grant Application

Project name: Salute to the Red, White and Blue

County: Ransom

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Location of Garden: North Dakota Veteran's Home

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

The ND Veteran's Home recently finished adding on a woodworking shop and art studio. Residents spend a great deal of time in these areas, which are finished inside but nothing has been done in the area outside. Adding wooden planter boxes with annual flowers and a flower garden area to include some perennial plants would provide visual interest for residents and guests.

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

Members of our local 4-H clubs have enjoyed working with the residents at the Veteran's Home. It is rewarding to experience the connections made between residents and kids working together with them. Seeing how much both staff and residents appreciate these projects strengthens those relationships and is a great way to teach kids not only about gardening but about service projects for those who have served our country.

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

The North Dakota Veteran's Home is an asset to our community and many guests, families and dignitaries visit this site. We are proud of this asset in our community and try to encourage others to visit and be a part of the Veteran's Home. Having flowers in various areas on the grounds extends the living space for residents and makes it appealing as potential residents visit the grounds. It is a beautiful area set on the edge of town along the Sheyenne River and these projects just enhance the natural beauty that is already there.

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

Young children (3–12 years old): 20

Teens (13–17 years old): 10

Adults: 15

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 Service - Ransom County and our 4-H Clubs doing the planning and planting.
- North Dakota Veteran's Home staff and residents for their input and maintenance of the planters and flower gardens.
- Doosan-Bobcat employees for helping to prepare the area for planting.
- Residents for their help in building the planter boxes.

6. Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lumber and screws for planter boxes	\$400
Annuals for planters and surrounding area	150
Perennials for flower garden area	150
Soil for planters	100
TOTAL	\$800