North Dakota State University Extension will make grants up to $1,000 available on a competitive basis to support youth gardening projects in North Dakota. Approximately $22,500 is available and efforts will be made to support youth gardening programs in as many counties as possible.

Schools, 4-H clubs, community organizations, church groups and other youth organizations are encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin March 6, 2019.

Funds may be used to purchase gardening supplies (hand tools, soil, seeds, plants, containers, etc.), Junior Master Gardener and/or other gardening books, and other teaching supplies. Funds cannot be used for snacks or other food, transportation, labor or major equipment.

Any project related to youth and gardening is eligible. Examples of possible projects include:

- The establishment of **school gardens** to promote the consumption of healthy foods.
- **Food security gardens** that grow vegetables to be donated to local food pantries.
- **Beautification projects** at schools, parks, museums or along streets.
- **Construction projects** such as building raised garden beds for the elderly.
- **Planting trees** to establish small arboreta at schools or parks.

Selection criteria include (but are not limited to) the number of children involved, number of days of activity involved, and the value of the project to the overall community.

**Funds awarded in 2019 need to be used by June 9, 2019.** Project coordinators must pay for project supplies and submit all receipts for reimbursements when their allocated funds are spent.

For more information on the JMG program, please go to [http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/jrmastergardener/](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/jrmastergardener/).

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