



Village of *Illinois*
Olympia Fields



Landscape Grant Application

Grant Application Period (May 2025 – March 2026)

Landscape Grant Program:

Support, improve, and transform the common areas of landscape for the Home Owner Associations (HOA) of the Village of Olympia Fields. The desired partnership between the HOA and Beautification Committee/Village of OF, would aid in the beautification and landscape improvements of common areas. The grant may also be used to replace trees lost to disease or storm damage. The grant is **NOT** for on-going maintenance of properties i.e. planting of annual flowers or to pay landscape companies for routine maintenance.

What are the goals of the Landscape Grant Program

To support and encourage the beautification of Olympia Fields.

Who is eligible to apply?

Village of Olympia Fields Home Owner Associations

- Arcadia
- Graymoor
- The Greens
- Greens of Olympia Fields Townhomes
- Hawthorne Hills
- Lakes of Olympia
- Maynegait
- Olympia Club
- Original Village Homeowners Association
- Olympia Fields East
- Suburban Woods
- Traditions of Olympia Fields
- The Trails of Olympia Fields
- Vienna Woods
- Wysteria

What will be funded?

- **Applying for grant does not guarantee funding.**
- The project location must conform to the Department of Public Works guidelines. (i.e. regulatory issues, easements/utility concerns must be addressed)
- The required irrigation and planting plans must be approved prior to purchase of products/plants and installation of the products or plants in order to receive funding. Irrigation equipment and/or plants that have already been installed are not eligible for grant funding.
- **Up to \$3,000 of the total cost of the project submitted will be funded in accordance with guidelines.**
- The grant is a **reimbursement** grant, half of award paid upon initial receipt and approval of landscape plan and remaining award remitted at completion. Invoices to substantiate costs and before/after photos will be required for all reimbursements.

- Projects must be completed within 180 days of grant award to receive entire funding. Partial funding for incomplete projects will not be permitted.

What is the process to apply for the grant?

1. Fill out the attached one page **Landscape Grant Application**.
2. Attach **photos of existing landscape** and write on the photos the areas that you plan to re-landscape as part of this grant project.
3. Fill out the **Plant Budget information section**.
4. Submit 2 copies of the following plans. Upon approval, you will receive one stamped copy:
 - a. **Landscape design plan** – include all the plants by scientific name and common name, size and location.
 - b. **Hydrazone plan and matrix** – the groups of plants by watering needs, microclimate, sun/shade, and/or slope; the watering needs of the plants, etc.

Why do I need to do all this work just to put in some plants?

This is an investment in the HOA's property and community, where you will see the benefits in a very short amount of time. **Proper design and installation will ensure that you get the garden you are expecting.**

When will I know if I got the grant?

Applicants will be notified upon approval of application, budget and submitted plans. Incomplete plans will not be reviewed nor funded.

When do I start the project?

Applicants can begin work after notification by letter that the grant has been awarded.

Do I need inspections of the project?

You must contact "JULIE" (1-800.892.0123) prior to planting so the companies can come out and make sure you are digging in a safe location.

Final inspection when all plants have been installed and submission of photos of finished landscape project before remittance of final funding. Invoices to substantiate cost will be required for all reimbursements.

Beautification Committee member, Belinda Lowry (belindalowry@aol.com) is available for consultation if desired. Submit completed application to Nicole Mason at utilitybilling@olympia-fields.com and copy Arlene Burke at ayburke@sbcglobal.net.

The Village of Olympia Fields & Beautification Committee Grant Application

Installation Address/Location: _____



Name of HOA:

Signature of HOA Applicant: _____ **Print Name:** _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____