



Blackland Prairie Chapter Grant Application – Supplemental Information

Examples of Projects

By way of examples, here is a very small sampling of project ideas that might be considered for a grant.

- A bird nesting box or bat roosting house project for a park or natural area
- A project involving a group of kids (school class, Scouts, etc.) that would be involved over some period with things like plant or tree inventory in a park or area
- Designing and installing interpretive signage in park or natural area (approved by administrators)
- Planting and caring for a native plant garden in a park or natural area

Grant Committee Application Rubric

Each project applying for a grant will be assessed according to the following rubric. The Grant Committee will present the final slate of projects with their score to the Chapter's Board of Directors for discussion and award approval.

- Overall Budget - Does the budget match the scope of the project? Is this a reasonable curated budget? Score: 0-20 points
- Matching funds - Are matching funds available to use? Are there additional in-kind resources being applied to the project? Score: +5 points
- Project Planning - Is there a solid plan outlining the entire scope of the project's goals, objectives, and process? Is the timeline reasonable and easy to maintain? Score: 0-50 points
- Is this a new project? Score: +10 points
- Is this project located in Collin or Hunt county? Score: +10 points
- Does this project work with any of our chapter's current partner organizations? Score: +5 points

Sharing Your Results

If your project receives a grant, as project leader please plan to get the word out about your progress or results. Chapter members would love to hear about it! Consider the avenues listed below. The project may also be considered by the Board for submission to the state TMN Program's annual Project Fair.

- A scheduled walking tour of the project open to Chapter members.
- A presentation of the project at a regular Chapter meeting.
- In an article for the Chapter's "Shakin' the Trees" on the Chapter website. Lots of photos are encouraged. (See the Chapter Communications Director for more information.)
- Via a table/booth at the annual New Class orientation event. (See the Chapter Training Director for information.)
- Conducting a 30-minute "Deep Dive" presentation for the Chapter. (See the Chapter Vice President for information.)