



GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA

Common Wealth Award Application

Project Name _____

Project Address _____

Proposing Club _____

Address and Contact Person _____

Geographical Location _____

Approximate Acreage or Size _____

Approximate Number of Annual Visitors _____

How would additional funds be secured if needed? _____

How will the project be maintained? _____

How will the community be affected by the project? _____

How will the project relate to the focus of the GCV: Horticulture, Education, Conservation, Historic Preservation, Civic Contribution, Research, and/or Beautification? _____

Please attach the following:

1. A description of the project, suitable for publication in the *Journal* (200-word limit).
2. A general budget of the entire project. List estimated cost of items within the proposed budget. Include your requested amount and what percentage of your total project this represents. Do you have other sources of income for this project?

Optional:

3. Further descriptions in the form of blueprints, or photographs (limit of six) or brochures.

Common Wealth Award Guidelines

This competitive grant supports member clubs' community projects that focus on conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation or education.

Candidates are announced at the Annual Meeting and GCV clubs vote for their choice. In recent years the total available funding has ranged up to \$20,000, with distribution based upon member club voting results and funding requests.

Approximately half of our previous awards have funded a single project, but the Committee also has the discretion to award funds to multiple projects in a year.

1. The project must fall within the fields of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and/or education.
2. Project must benefit the local community or the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. The degree of involvement of the sponsoring club(s) or committee(s) in money and work and the degree of community interest will be factors.
4. The project should be completed within two years after the award is made or the remainder refunded to the GCV Treasurer.
5. The sponsor of the winning project must assume responsibility for the continuing maintenance of the project.
6. The winning sponsor will report on the progress of its project to the next Board of Governors meeting. A complete financial record should be submitted to GCV after completion of the project.
7. Projects other than the first-place winner may be resubmitted.
8. The award money should make a significant impact on the completion of the project.
9. Send the application via email to communications@gcvirginia.org or
Mail to GCV, 12 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23219 by March 1.