



**Common Wealth Award Application
2026-2027**

Project Name _____

Project Address _____

Proposing Club _____

Contact Person: address, email and
phone: _____

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 be beneficial to the club(s) and hence their communities? The areas of focus of the Common Wealth Award are: conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation, and/or education.

Please attach the following:

1. A description of the project, suitable for publication in the *GCV 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.

Will your project have other funders or sources of income to ensure its viability?

Optional:

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

GCV Common Wealth Award Guidelines

This competitive grant supports member clubs' community projects that focus on conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation, and/or education. Candidates are announced at the GCV Annual Meeting and GCV clubs vote in September for their choice. In the last few years the total available funding has recently ranged from \$10,000 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. The project must benefit the local community or the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. The degree of involvement of the sponsoring club(s) and the community may be selection factors. Involvement could include: financial commitment, member participation, etc., and should be club-led.
4. The project should be completed within two years after the award is made and any unused funds refunded to the GCV Common Wealth Award Fund.
5. The sponsor of the winning project must describe the maintenance plan to ensure the continuance of the project.
6. The award recipient will report on the progress of its project at the next Board of Governors meeting. A final financial report shall be submitted to GCV after completion of the project. See attached form.
7. Projects other than the first-place winner may be resubmitted in the next cycle.
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:

Garden Club of Virginia, 12 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23219. by March 1.

GCV Common Wealth Award

FINAL BUDGET REPORT

2026-2027

Awardee (Club): _____

Contact person: _____ phone: _____ email: _____

Awardee Year: _____

Final Budget Report:

<u>Proposed Budget</u>	\$ _____	<u>Actual</u>	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Other expenditures:

Total Total

All unspent funds shall be returned to the Common Wealth Award Fund within 60 days of the completion of the final project. Mail to: Garden Club of Virginia, Common Wealth Award Fund, 12 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA, 23219