## Lincoln Garden Club Grant Proposals FY 2025 Grants Subcommittee Report & Recommendations - DRAFT April 29, 2024

As part of the FY 2025 budget, the Garden Club set aside \$4500 for grants and \$500 for the Annual Gabrielle Brenninkmeyer Award.

Members of the Club were invited to submit grant requests and encouraged to do so in partnership with community organizations. A total of three grant requests were submitted prior to the March 31, 2024, deadline.

The grants subcommittee met on April 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the grant proposals and is making the following recommendations:

Proponent(s)	Proposal	Description	Amount	Yes/No	Comments
Diane Climo	Support Community Center Iandscaping	LGC would contribute to beautification of the grounds of the new Community Center	\$2000	No	This is an excellent idea and should be considered once the Community Center Building Committee develops the landscape plan and has a sense of cost and whether there are any budget gaps. Bring this back for FY26.
Peter Stewart	Arbor Day Giveaway & Program with 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade students	Purchase saplings, give a short song/puppet show presentation to students and then give saplings away and teach people how to plant them.	\$600	TBD	Get more information about requested budget and whether it makes sense to work with a different grade as there is already a connection with 1 <sup>st</sup> grade; consider number and size of saplings and whether to supply deer protection?
Diana Rice- Sheahan, Bryn Gingrich, Lincoln Common Ground, Mother's Out Front, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, Lincoln School, and Monarch Meadows & Ecogardens	3 raised-bed pollinator gardens at the Lincoln School to be planted and maintained in collaboration with Monarch Meadows & Ecogardens and volunteers from the various organizations.	Support LLCT's ongoing Pollinator Corridor projects; collaboration between multiple Lincoln organizations.	\$4500	Yes	Need to confirm signage conventions and recognition of the LGC.

In summary, the Grants subcommittee recommends:

- FY25: \$500 Gabrielle Award TBD possibly a revised version of Arbor Day proposal?
- FY25: Propose awarding the entirety of the \$4500 budget to the Lincoln School Raised Pollinator Beds project.

As decided last year, grant recipients will be asked to supply the LGC with a short report at the end of the fiscal year. This would include a brief write-up of the project's implementation, a breakdown of how the funds were used, and a couple of photographs for publication on the LGC website. We will include this request in the award letter(s).

- Denise Bienfang, Kim Buell, Jennifer Glass, Nancy Henderson, Eileen McCrory