

March 2019



Dear Local Community/Non-Profit Group:

As the cold weather of winter subsides, now is the time to plan for future gardens. The Cass County Master Gardeners group is again offering grant money to be used in the 2019 growing season, to encourage gardening to grow food and/or beautify local communities. The money may also be used for gardening education purposes. The Cass County Master Gardener Memorial Grants are offered in remembrance of the many years of service to the community provided by long-time Master Gardener volunteers who have passed.

Any Cass County not-for-profit group may apply. Schools, churches, libraries, 4-H clubs, Scouts, or other organizations/individuals working to improving their communities can apply for money to begin or improve gardens or landscaping for community benefit, or to provide education for their members or the public. To ensure the money is helping a wide variety of community organizations, those who were funded by 2018 grants will not be eligible to apply in 2019. Each grant has a maximum value of \$300. Applications must include plans for teamwork and sustainability. Consideration for the environment is also an important factor in selection.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, April 24 for consideration. They may be submitted by mail or email. Grant recipients will be informed of their selection by May 6. An application form is enclosed for your convenience if you feel you have a project that may benefit from these funds. Additional forms may be picked up at the Extension Office, or printed from the Cass County Extension website- www.extension.iastate.edu/cass.

For more information, or with questions on the grant program, call Cass County Extension Program Coordinator Kate Olson at the Cass County Extension office at 712-243-1132, email keolson@iastate.edu, or stop by the Extension Office at 805 W. 10th St in Atlantic. You may also contact Master Gardener, Donna Reimers at 712-789-0236.

Sincerely,

Donna Reimers