

KETTLE MORAINÉ GARDEN CLUB
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING

Each year the Kettle Moraine Garden Club is proud to award philanthropic grants for civic projects which are aligned with the mission of our club. The 501(c) (3) organizations receiving annual funding for these projects reside in our Lake Country community, SE Wisconsin four-county area, and throughout our state.

Please review the following specific guidelines prior to submitting an application. The guidelines must be followed for a project to be considered for funding by the Ways and Means Committee:

- Must be submitted by a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.
- Must be aligned with the mission of KMGC: “Kettle Moraine Garden Club, a member of The Garden Club of America, is dedicated to the love of gardening through education and civic projects in the fields of horticulture, floral design, nature photography, conservation and environmental renewal.”
- May NOT be an endowment, maintenance, scholarship, research study or compensation for any salary.
- Must be clearly defined, with a demonstrated need, and presents a unique opportunity to benefit the community at large.
- We must have a defined financial plan for using the funds and consideration for the availability of future funds to maintain the project.
- Must be completed in the following calendar year of the application (June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027)
- KMGC requires the granted requests to supply the Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs by May 31, 2027, documentation of how and when the project was successfully completed.
- Application shall contain all required names and project information; organization should provide specific project details attached to the application.
- Application must be signed by a KMGC member as a proposer (a KMGC member does not need to be involved with the organization.)
- **Applications for 2026 must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2026**
- Application forms may be obtained on the KMGC website (www.kettlemorainegc.org) or from the Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs.

In May, the Ways and Means Committee will meet to review the Request for Funding Applications which have been submitted. Selections are based on those projects which agree with the APPLICATION GUIDELINES and best align with the KMGC mission.

At the May KMGC Board of Directors meeting, the Board will vote on the Ways and Means Committee recommendations for 2026 monetary grants. At May’s KMGC meeting the projects approved by the Board will be voted upon by the general membership. Organizations who receive KMGC funding will be informed with a letter and a monetary award in June of the application year.