

Grant Program

Protect Our Pollinators Habitat Fund





Who we are

The **People and Pollinators Action Network (PPAN)** promotes pollinator-friendly land management and landscaping practices through education, engagement, and advocacy to preserve biodiversity and safeguard public health. **PPAN** is dedicated to creating healthy, sustainable ecosystems where people and pollinators can thrive now and for generations to come.

We are the only organization working at the grassroots, municipal, and state levels to advocate for policies and practices that reduce and eliminate the use of pesticides and to create and connect swaths of pollinator-safe habitat with the intent of reversing the drastic decline of pollinator populations—upon which our very existence depends.

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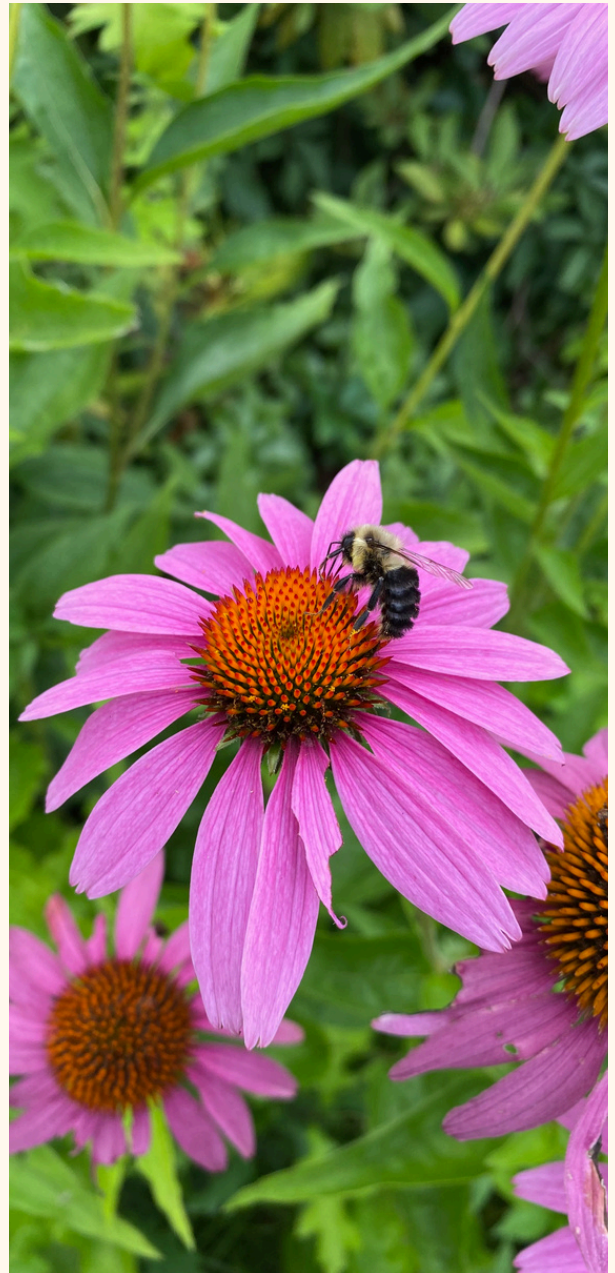
PPAN's **Protect Our Pollinators Habitat Fund** is a small grants program offering financial and educational resources to community organizations, businesses, governments, schools, farms, Indigenous Nations, public housing, and other institutions to support the development of healthy pollinator habitat.

Through collaboration with pollinator and habitat experts, we provide support to successful applicants. This program is backed by the **Colorado Pollinator License Plate Fund** and other designated donations. The primary criteria for grants include the use of funds to develop, expand, restore, or protect pollinator habitats, within agreed upon parameters. We prioritize projects that: are located within marginalized communities; maximize community outreach; increase biodiversity; and that have matching funds or existing capacity to implement.

Grant Requirements for Funding

The grant cycle launches in the early spring with award decisions advised by our collaborative team of experts. **Grant recipients will be expected to provide a simple report and project photos years 2 and 3 of implementation and to collaborate with us to tell the project story.** Please see below for additional criteria and funding requirements.

- The project must be **located in Colorado**
- The project must **have an educational component and have visibility to the community**
- Design must **prioritize the use of regionally-adapted western native species** (exceptions possible with approval)
- Site must be **prepared and maintained organically**
- Site must **incorporate PPAN's pollinator habitat sign**
- Grantee must **submit expense receipts** (all at one time) by the end of the 2024 fiscal year
- Grantee must **submit a simple report for the years 2 and 3 of habitat establishment (no more than one page)**
- Grantee must be **willing to share the story of habitat creation and photos** (PPAN will have the right to use stories and photos in public communications)



Report Guidelines

We want to learn more about your habitat project over the next few years. With that in mind, **please include a one-page summary of your successes and challenges, progress in planting and maintaining the habitat, how you involved community education, collaboration and engagement in your project, and any other relevant information.** In addition to the previous description, see below for specific report requirements for each year. Your first report will be due September 30 the year following your grant award. The second report will follow the same schedule. PPAN will send out a reminder for when these are due. We also ask that you to **share any feedback** you have regarding PPAN’s management of the Habitat Fund program (communications, support, areas for improvement, etc.).



PPAN’s pollinator habitat sign

Year 2 Report

Attach pictures from year 2, including a pollinator habitat sign

How are you maintaining your site?

Please include the plant species plants you used and where you sourced your plant material.

Year 3 Report

Attach pictures from year 3, including a pollinator habitat sign

How can PPAN best support you moving forward, now that you are past year 3?



Contact Information

If you encounter any challenges or have concerns about meeting the requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@peopleandpollinators.org. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and we are here to provide support and guidance. Additionally, we can provide resources on plant/seed supply, site maintenance, and more.

Volunteers

PPAN is here to help if you need volunteers to help with the initial planting or the ongoing maintenance of the project. We'll do our best to mobilize volunteers from our network or from partner organizations. Please contact us at info@peopleandpollinators.org.

[Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado](#) partners with land managers to harness the power of volunteers to accomplish their stewardship goals. You can submit a project application with them [here](#) to apply for assistance for the following calendar year. However, if you are in need of volunteers to accomplish your grant in the current year, you can reach out to emily@voc.org to discuss if VOC has the capacity to help!

Additional Resources

[Landscaping with Native Plants](#)

[Plant Guide for Pollinators](#)

[Pollinator Habitat](#)

[Resources for a Pesticide-Free Community](#)

[Rethinking Weed Management](#)

Need extra support? The [Colorado Native Plant Society](#) has offered to assist any PPAN grant recipients in need of any extra guidance with their pollinator habitat.



**Thank you for
your commitment to
pollinator protection!**