

CARAG Native Plant Grant Program

Goal: Provide habitat and food source for pollinators (e.g. bees and butterflies), filter contaminants from rainwater runoff, and provide natural landscape features to beautify neighborhood.

Grant Amount: Up to \$50 rebate per property to cover the purchase cost of native plants.

Eligibility: Property owners with residential or business properties located within the CARAG neighborhood (boundaries: Hennepin Ave, Lyndale Ave. S., W. Lake St. & W. 36th St.). Renters will be considered if approval note is provided by property owner. Limit of one grant per property/year.

Requirements:

1. Eligible plant types are limited to those found naturally occurring in the Upper Midwest (i.e. native to our region).
2. Plants must be free of neonicotinoid pesticides. Suggested retailers include: Mother Earth Gardens, Friends School Plant Sale (State Fairgrounds, Mother's Day weekend), Bachman's, and Gertens.
3. Plants must be perennials (plants that come back year after year).
4. Flowering plants along with native shrubs and prairie grasses are all encouraged.
5. Plants must be planted within the CARAG neighborhood boundaries (see above).
6. We welcome you to choose from our "Native Plant Suggestions" list, but other native plants will also be considered.

Grant Distribution: Participants must submit a completed application form to CARAG *prior* to purchasing plants (either online or by mail). Application will need to include details of types of plants to be purchased and the selected retailer.

CARAG will notify the applicant in writing to verify that the application is complete and meets requirements. Plants can then be purchased.

Rebates are administered only after CARAG receives copies of detailed paid receipts.

Limit of 20 grants for the 2017 calendar year. Grants will be administered first come first serve with, with preference given to those who have not applied in previous years.