Golden Triangle RC&D Community Grant Award

2024

The Golden Triangle RC&D believes it’s a combination of factors that make a community great.

Clean air and water, vibrant parks and recreation areas, active citizen involvement, great schools, effective social services, and a spirit of local pride all factor into making a community one we want to call home.

Working through our mission and vision, we have created a self-funded investment program

which will work to assist the residents in our service delivery area to achieve a sustainable natural resource base, increase social and economic opportunities, and improve quality of life. This program will endeavor to make a positive difference through targeted grants to causes and organizations that help advance the social, economic, educational, environmental, and agricultural interests of cities and counties in the communities we serve.

Applicant organizations must be located in our service delivery area and demonstrate clear, measurable results toward stated objectives and a solid track record for success. The counties in our service delivery area include: **Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Terrell, Thomas, Seminole**, **Stewart, Sumter,** **Quitman, Webster,** and **Worth** as well as the cities of **Donalsonville, Colquitt, and** **Whigham.**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Golden Triangle RC&D (GTRCD) Community Grant Award. We appreciate your time in completing this application and look forward to reading the proposed project for your community. Please adhere to the following guidelines before submitting your application:

Grant Guidelines

1. Grant proposals should endeavor to make a positive difference in your community by helping to advance the social, economic, educational, environmental, and agricultural interests of your city or county.

2. Grant Request – Most will be awarded at a maximum of $1,000, however, Golden Triangle will consider larger requests for innovative, multi-year projects.

3. This is a reimbursement grant. This means that the reimbursement will be made for items that are purchased after the grant is approved and a grant contract is signed. Expenses incurred prior to grant approval are not eligible. Funds will only be awarded when GTRCD receives and approves the final report and receipts for the project.

4. The grant application must be filled in completely and received by GTRCD no later than **February 29, 2024**

5. If awarded, **grant must be completed by: November 29, 2024** unless a multi-year grant is awarded.

6. **Grantees must submit a final report, including photographs (if applicable) and receipts** to Golden Triangle RC&D **no later than December 16, 2024**. Grants will not be paid if reports and receipts are not received on time unless an extension was requested by the grantee and approved by Golden Triangle RC&D.

7. Eligible grantees will be chosen from within the following counties as long as the county dues are current: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Terrell, Thomas, Seminole, Stewart and Worth.

8. Grantees who can provide in-kind or matching contributions will be given higher priority.

9. This is a competitively awarded grant. There will be a maximum of 10 grants awarded during this round of funding.

10. Special Eligibility Requirements:

All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and non-profit organizations) or be a county or municipality. All 501(c) (3) organizations must be in good standing with the IRS.

Grant applications can be filled out on our website at <https://www.goldentrianglercd.org/community-grants> , scanned and e-mailed, mailed, or hand-delivered.

E-mail to: apoole@goldentrianglercd.org

US Mail or other delivery system: Golden Triangle RC&D, 4344 Albany Hwy., Dawson, GA 39842

**Application Deadline: February 29, 2024**

Grantee Notified of Award: April 3, 2024

Project deadline: November 29, 2024

Final project report submitted: December 16, 2024

For additional information or questions regarding the application, please contact Avery Poole @ 229-995-2027 or apoole@goldentrianglercd.org

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

* fund raising or membership drives
* food or beverages
* grants to individuals
* grants, scholarships, or fellowships to be given by the GTRCD grant recipient to a third party.
* pass-through of cash or incentive prizes to project participants, e.g. grant funds may not be used to provide services to project participants at a discounted cost.
* indirect costs, general operations, or overhead charges: e.g., rent, utilities, monthly phone or Website hosting charges.
* political advocacy, campaigning, legislative lobbying, or litigation programs. Applications that advocate for a particular policy position or appear biased will not be considered.
* real estate acquisitions or due diligence research related to such acquisitions
* reimbursement for the expense of any time, supplies or equipment purchased prior to the effective start date of the signed grant agreement
* travel expenses greater than 10% of the total amount of grant funds requested. Mileage can only be reimbursed at the current State of Georgia rate. Capital or building campaigns, purchase of real estate, or endowments

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Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Grant Project Leader Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief synopsis (three to five sentences) of the proposed project. You will have the opportunity to provide more detail later in the application:

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On a separate piece of paper, please address the following using the space you need to communicate your project to the judges. Please keep the total number of pages to 5 or less. Please number each section and address it accordingly.

1. Need Statement: Explain the need for this project in your community.

2. Expected goals and outcomes: What are the goals of the project and the anticipated outcomes?

3. Project Impact: How will this project impact the community?

4. Project Deliverables: Please list the deliverables for this project. (Example: garden planted, educational materials purchased, website developed).

5. Project Timeline: List start date and end date.

6. Project Budget: List quantities, items, unit costs, grant funds requested for each item, match funds or in-kind designated for each item, and totals. Please explain items in the budget that might need clarification for the judge to understand the request. Be sure to designate in-kind and cash match if it is applicable to your project. Extra points are awarded to projects that are supported by the grantee or other donors.

7. Project Evaluation: How will you know whether you have succeeded? Please share how you will measure project outcomes, such as educational gains and environmental benefits.

This application can be found on our website: [www.goldentrianglercd.org](http://www.goldentrianglercd.org)