

## Community Roadside Landscape Partnership Program

MnDOT is actively involved in roadside landscaping partnerships with communities and their volunteers, to help make the communities more aesthetically pleasing by designing the landscaping to match the context of the community and surrounding areas.



### Roadside Landscaping Reimbursement for Communities

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The Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program is designed to provide technical and financial assistance to communities that are interested in landscaping state highway rights of way. This is a reimbursement program, not a grant. Funds awarded under this program must be used for roadside landscaping located on state trunk highway rights of way, with fee or easement title.

#### Eligibility

"Communities" are defined as counties, home rule charters, statutory cities or towns, townships, and counties. Ineligible applicants will not be considered unless they are sponsored by a community or other unit of government that can execute and honor a cooperative agreement with MnDOT (a necessary requirement for MnDOT to transfer funds).

## MnDOT assisted design

If your community would like to have assistance from MnDOT to design and implement the project, please use the online [application](#) to send a letter to your MnDOT district coordinator requesting design assistance. The letter must be from an authorized city representative on a City Letterhead and can be in PDF format. Please include the location of the project, including the state highway it is on, and the proposed timeframe that the community would like to plant (spring or fall). A MnDOT District representative will then contact you to further discuss the project.

## Community designed projects

If you have already designed the project or have community volunteer organizations such as an Eagle Scout or 4H group that has designed a project, you can submit an [application](#) to MnDOT for consideration. Please make sure that you have the required supporting documents and have turned in the [application](#) by the deadline for the planting season that you are hoping to plant in. If the community is planning on planting as part of a larger project, the community must have all agreements in place prior to awarding the larger project.

## Materials

### *Eligible Materials*

- Trees and shrubs
- Wildflowers and grasses
- Vines and perennial groundcovers
- Soil amendments
- Wood fiber blanket
- Herbicides and weed fabric
- Edging
- Mulch (wood or rock)
- Staking and guying
- Rodent protection and seedling shelters

### *Non-eligible Material*

- Equipment rental
- Annual groundcovers
- Labor
- Planters
- Hanging baskets
- Community entrance monuments
- Walls and stones
- Tree grates
- Sidewalks and trails
- Benches and bike racks

## Installation

The community partner must install the landscape materials on MnDOT right of way. There are multiple options for installing the materials:

- Volunteers - students, garden clubs, boy/girl scout troops, 4H, lions club members, etc.
- Community Public Works employees
- Contractors
- Any combination of the above

[Access the application here.](#)