



CONSERVATION PROJECT MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District invites classes and youth groups to learn about soil and water conservation by participating in **outdoor** learning projects on school grounds or in the community. Mini-grants are funded for schools within RCRCD's boundaries: <https://www.rcrcd.org/district-boundary-map> . **Examples of conservation projects include:**

- Developing a school garden with water conserving irrigation systems
- Building a compost pile and using the compost to improve the soil
- Protecting a slope or eroding area with mulch or by planting ground-covers
- Planting and maintaining appropriate trees to shade buildings and play areas, while also providing habitat
- Creating a school ground habitat for urban-adapted wildlife, such as birds, butterflies and lizards, including a water source and native plants for food and shelter.
- Planting a school garden for food and/or planting fruit trees
- Planting an area with native milkweed and nectar-producing plants to support Monarch butterflies and other pollinators (butterflies, bees, bats, birds).

To request funds, please submit this completed application to the district, explaining the proposed project and expected costs. Applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed and considered by the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings. The maximum amount per teacher that will be granted is \$500. Materials that may be funded include irrigation systems, composters, soil amendments, mulches, seeds for erosion control, and plants such as drought tolerant trees, shrubs, ground covers and native plants. **Please do not request materials for indoor classroom use**, such as pots, greenhouses, or booklets. For free student publications, use the form at <https://www.rcrcd.org/files/c953d6974/2019+Education+Materials+Form+--+Not+Elementary+updated.pdf>

Please involve the students as much as possible, as student participation in mapping, planning and/or conducting some part of the project is required for consideration of the grant. Mini-grant recipients will also need to submit a brief final report about the completed project with photos, with permission to use the photos in future District publications.

RCRCD can assist you with planning, planting, and gardening information. Visit the LandUse Learning Center demonstration garden to see examples of conservation practices and labeled plants: <https://www.rcrcd.org/files/80c9e10c5/llcflyer2023.pdf> . To discuss ideas and request more information, contact Jenny [lyer at iyer@rcrcd.org](mailto:lyer@rcrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691, ext. 226 . Find gardening resources at <https://rcrcd.specialdistrict.org/files/01daa7eb4/RCRCD+Garden+Resource+Directory+12-3-18+Final.pdf>



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Group that will be doing the Conservation Project (class and school, or youth group, etc.):

Who should the check be made out to? (School, Teacher, PTA):

Please describe the project, with expected outcome and include the educational component of this project *:

Location: Where will the project be done? (Please attach a copy of the plan layout):

Please itemize materials and estimated costs*:

Name:

Address:

Address and name to mail check if different from above:

***Please attach additional
pages as needed.**

When is the best time to reach you?

Day phone:

Eve. phone:

Email:

Return application to:

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