

ACORN GRANT

Plants are the foundation of all life. Plants use energy from the sun, nutrients from soil, and water to create biomass that supports insects, birdlife, and animals. Recent scientific findings have revealed that insect, butterfly, and bird populations thrive if locally-native plants are available.

The purpose of the Acorn Grant is to introduce kindergarten through 12th grade students in Orange County, to Southern California's rich native plant diversity by helping fund school gardens that feature California native plants.

The amount available for the Acorn Grant ranges from \$150 to \$500.

APPLICATION

School District:

School:

Grade Levels Involved in Native Plant Garden:

Contact Person:

School Principal:

Address:

Email/Phone:

Date:

1. What are the goals for the project?

2. Describe the planting area:

Where on campus is the garden located?

Planting area dimensions?

Sun or shade (if tree-shaded, what type of tree(s)?)

Topography: Raised beds or flat planting areas?

Irrigation: Is irrigation in place or still needed? Type of watering: drip, overhead, nearby hose for hand-watering?

3. How will the native garden be maintained in near- and long-term?
4. What native plants will be included in your plant palette for the garden?
5. How will the students be involved in the creation and care of the garden?
6. What is the projected timeline?
7. Amount of funding requested?
8. Provide photos of the area to be planted and a plot plan for the garden.

Submit your application to AcornGrant@occnps.org.