

MGCSA Golf Course Stewardship Grant Program

Advancing the art and science of golf course management and promoting the members and the profession is the MGCSA mission statement and with that, the MGCSA provides a platform for information, education, engagement, and advocacy. For this reason, the MGCSA has established a grant program to help members engage in activities and projects on their own courses that complement the mission and vision of the MGCSA and its members. Examples of activities and projects that should be considered are:

1. Stewardship related projects such as habitat improvements, birdbox program, water capture projects.
2. First Green participation or related outreach program.
3. On course practice facility improvements for junior golf programs.
4. Drainage improvements to help chronic problem areas that you have not had funds for.
5. Composting projects.
6. Vegetables garden projects around clubhouse.
7. Be creative with your ideas.

A total of \$20,000 will be available for 2024. If you have been thinking of a project but have not had the funds...this is for that MGCSA member.

Grant guidelines

The selection committee will determine that each application meets the guidelines for eligibility and then reviews all applications. Grants will be payable to the clubs for only the restricted purpose outlined in the approved grant.

The following criteria are used for this grant program:

1. Must be a currently active member of the MGCSA.
2. Priority will be given to those members that have not received a grant in the last three years, but will not be disregarded if only a few applications are received.
3. The member must start its activities or project within two calendar years. For example: awards granted in 2024 must be used by the end of 2025.
4. Funds must be requested for future activities or projects and not retroactively for past efforts.
5. MGCSA reserves the right to request the return of funds if not used in accordance with the guidelines as detailed in the application.
6. Grant activities or projects should not be used for general maintenance practices. An example would include requesting grant funds for fertilizer cost, pesticide costs, equipment purchases, etc.
7. Funds will not be approved to supplement current staff salaries.
8. Any member request may not exceed \$3,000.
9. Current board members and selection committee are not eligible for grant funds.
10. An article for use in the Hole Notes publication will be required by recipients detailing the activity or project that was completed with the grant program funds.
11. The selection committee will be comprised of non MGCSA members.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2024

For more information

Contact Chris Aumock, Executive Director, MGCSA, at 651-324-8873 or chris@mgcsa.org.

MGCSA Golf Course Stewardship Project Grant Application



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Golf Course Name:

Golf Course Address:

Golf Course Member Contact:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Amount Requested:

Course Budget: <\$250,000 \$251-\$500K \$501-\$750K

Please describe the details and goals of the project or program in detail:

I attest the above budget information is accurate, and agree to follow stated criteria, including providing material for Hole Notes upon completion of this project. Funds will be returned if not used appropriately or within the next two years.

Attestor:

Date:

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Review and Scoring Guidelines



Purpose

This document provides information on how funding decisions are made for stewardship grant applications.

Stewardship Grant Review

This is a summary of the process of review and funding for stewardship grant applications.

- 1) The grant selection committee receives applications from member courses that arrive on time and pass eligibility pre-screening. The review panel includes:
 - a) University Professor, State Agency Reps, Association Director, and an outstate retired Superintendent.
- 2) Review panel members give each application a numerical score by completing a Project Quality Evaluation.
- 3) Scoring results will go to the Board of Directors.
- 4) The Board of Directors then provides funding based on the overall selection committee scoring averages.

Applications that do not comply with all requirements, including applications that are late or incomplete may be excluded from consideration for funding.

Stewardship Grant Scoring

The following is how a stewardship grant application is numerically scored. It is based on two sections: eligibility pre-screening and project quality evaluation. Instructions on this form are for grant reviewers.

➤ **No action on this form is required by grant applicants. It is for information purposes only.**

Eligibility Pre-Screening

- Course is active member of MGCSA? Yes/No
Is all the application information complete?..... Yes/No
Funding request is less than \$3,000? Yes/No
Funds would be used for new stewardship project?.....Yes/No

Project Quality

Instructions for reviewer: Rate all questions on a 1-5 scale and calculate average score in table.

- How satisfactory is the level of detail in the project application?
Does this project promote, and support golf's long-term stewardship obligations?
Will the project contribute to a positive change in golfs public perception?
How reasonable is the timeline and budget for the proposed work?
What is the likelihood this project does not get completed without funding? (5 – Likely will not get done)