

MaxLove Project School Garden Grant Competition

Request for Proposals Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

MaxLove Project is thrilled to announce its 2024 school garden grant challenge! We're requesting proposals from teams of K-8 students in SoCal for innovative solutions to current community problems in hunger, healthy food access, and food/nutrition education. MLP's Junior Board committee will select the top proposals and all selected teams will be invited to present their proposals at the MLP Walk for Kids on April 28 at Tanaka Farms. The top four teams will be awarded monetary grants for their school garden project or a field trip to Tanaka Farms.

Timeline:

- Call for Proposals Released - 2/1
- Proposals Due - 3/15
- Proposals Assessed - 3/20
- Participant Invitations Sent - 3/25
- Main Event & Awards - 4/28
- Grant Checks Mailed: 5/15

Process:

Step 1: Read the Request for Proposals (this document!)

- The very first step is to check out the Request for Proposals (RFP). Let us know if you have any questions and be sure to check with your teacher and school administration to let them know that you'd like to start a team and apply.
- If your school doesn't yet have a school garden, and if you win a grant, funds could be used to either start a garden project or for the school to take a field trip to Tanaka Farms. You'll want to check with your school about this. That said, applying and potentially presenting at the MaxLove Project Walk for Kids on April 28th at Tanaka Farms will be an amazing experience in and of itself!

Step 2: Form a team

- The second step in the process is to form a team and let your school know that your team is applying to compete for this very special grant. Teams can range from 2-20+ participants but we recommend keeping your group smaller to encourage true collaboration.

Step 3: Ideate

- The third step is to gather with your team and ideate! We're looking for project ideas that have the potential to solve one or more of these three food-related issues in our community:

- 1 - Hunger
- 2 - Access to healthy food
- 3 - Food/nutrition education



- First, we'd like to hear your group's assessment of the issue. How many folks suffer from food insecurity in your community? How hard is it to access healthy food? Do students and families have access to basic nutrition education? Once you can share more about one of these problems in your community and how it affects your community, we want to hear your proposal to solve the issue! Be creative and don't worry about the budget.
- Lastly, don't forget that if your team is selected to present your concept you will be asked to join us at Tanaka Farms on April 28th to make your presentation. Your team will be given a booth and table space to make your presentation with poster boards and any other props that you'd like to provide. If selected, you will receive further directions about the presentation process.

Step 4: Apply

- Access the application form on our website via the QR code below.
- Please note: an adult (parent/caregiver/teacher) must represent the group, submit the application, and be willing to be a contact for MaxLove Project.
- We've made the application pretty easy to complete. It should only take about 10 minutes once your concept is written out.
- Applications will be assessed by the MLP Junior Board. Competitors will be selected and invited to present at the MLP Walk for Kids on April 28th at Tanaka Farms.
- **The application deadline is March 15th at 11:59pm**

Step 5 (if selected): Present your idea at MLP's Walk for Kids on April 28th!

- If your team is selected to present your concept you will be asked to join us at Tanaka Farms on April 28th to make your presentation. Your team will be given a booth and table space to make your presentation with poster boards and any other props that you'd like to provide.
- All selected teams will be given further direction as to the requirements of the presentation and how to access Tanaka Farms that day.

Step 6: Grant winners selected at the Walk for Kids on April 28th.

- Our Board of Directors will visit each team's booth to learn more about all of the competing proposals. Winners will be chosen by the MLP Board and will be awarded on site at the event finale.

Contact Information

Please contact us with any questions you may have at info@maxloveproject.org.

About MaxLove Project

MaxLove Project empowers families overcoming health risks with evidence-based culinary medicine programs designed to enhance quality of life, reduce health risks, and foster whole-body wellness. Our programs are available online and in-person, both in the community and hospital-based settings. We serve families facing childhood cancers, rare diseases, and health risks.

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