



SUSTAINABLE STEPS

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Charleston Launches 2023 Rainproof Mini-Grant Program

Charleston County is partnering with the City of Charleston to offer mini grants for rain gardens! \$10,000 of funding is available for 50 awards.

Rain gardens are a proven, effective way to reduce flooding, soaking up stormwater runoff and diverting it from central stormwater drainage systems that can become overwhelmed during periods of heavy rain. Additionally, rain gardens help to filter pollutants out of runoff before they enter storm drains.

What: Grants in the amount of \$200 to support the installation of rain gardens on City or County property. This subsidy should cover about half the cost of installing a new rain garden, depending on the size, soil and other factors.

When: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2023, and projects which receive an award shall be completely installed by October 28, 2023.

Mandatory training includes one hour of time (at your leisure) to watch an online video resource before attending a one hour in-person workshop on the evening of September 13 or 19. The workshop will be led by Certified Master Rain Gardeners and rain garden gurus, Clemson Extension, and is a chance to ask questions and learn first hand! *Certified Master Rain Gardeners are exempt from training requirements but welcome to attend.

Eligible Applicants: City of Charleston or Charleston County residents, businesses and organizations (public or private) who own their property or otherwise have permission from their property owner to install a rain garden. Limit one award per household/business/address throughout life of program.

Awards: Grant money is available to applicants able to complete all the requirements on a first come, first served basis, and a wait list will be created to gather additional interest for future funding opportunities. Grantees will receive notice of awards by September 6, 2023.

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For more information on Charleston County's Sustainability Program or to suggest a Sustainable Steps idea, contact Arielle Gerstein at agerstein@charlestoncounty.org, or call (843) 958-4083.

