

The Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto

Project Funding Criteria

Points would be awarded by the committee for each criterion met or partially met in the application. N.B. Projects are **not** expected to fill all criteria.

- 1. Volunteers:** How many volunteers are working in the garden, and their approximate age groups? (Children, teens, young adults, adults, seniors.) How many are Hort members?
- 2. Community Impact:** How will the garden benefit the community? (E.g. beautifying an area, urban greening, improving awareness of horticulture, community food gardens, giving food to charitable organizations, distributing seeds, bulbs, plants, civic and community collaboration and events, etc.)
- 3. Education:** Is there a component (for the garden workers) of learning about horticulture, conservation and the environment? Community skills sharing?
- 4. Children or Youth:** Are they involved with the garden in any way, and how?
- 5. Benefit to the Hort:** Is there a reciprocal relationship with the garden that benefits the Hort? (e.g. providing meeting or event space free of charge, acknowledging Hort support with a garden sign or mention in your literature, sharing volunteers, expanding our membership etc.) How long has the garden or project been funded? Also, where feasible, gardeners will support promotion of the Hort and horticulture through newspaper articles, attendance at local events and fairs and contact with local officials.
- 6. Partnership with Other Organizations and Funders:** Have the applicants received or are they anticipating receipt of funding and/or support from other sources (e.g. groups they are affiliated with, environmental groups, schools) or suppliers (Canadian Tire, Rona)?
- 7. Horticulture Therapy:** Will the garden or project serve or involve a special group (e.g. those with mental illness, intellectual or physical disabilities, refugees, immigrants, seniors etc) To what extent does the project meet the needs of vulnerable groups?
- 8. Environmental Aspects:** Is the garden grown using eco-friendly horticultural practises? (E.g. composting, organic methods, pollinators and native plants.)