

Application Questions Summary

Attention: This is not the PollinateTO Application Form.

The Application Questions Summary is a reference document which lists all the application questions as they appear on the online [PollinateTO Application Form](#).

Use this document to help prepare, organize, and draft your responses. When you are ready to submit your application, please ensure that you use the online [PollinateTO Application Form](#).

Prior to starting your application, it is recommended that you review the [PollinateTO program website](#) and attend an [Information Session](#).

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*1. How would you describe your group? PollinateTO is open to all resident-led groups, registered charities, and non-profit organizations.

Not sure? Learn more about [registered charities and non-profit organizations](#).

- A group of 3+ individuals
- A registered charitable organization or a not-for-profit organization
- A school group

[radio button, single select]

A. Group Information

- ☐ By checking this box, I hereby certify that each individual below has provided consent to have their personal information collected and stored by the City of Toronto, and the [Notice of Collection statement](#) was presented to these individuals.

[one selection from checkbox]

*2. Which category best describes your group?

- Not-for-profit organization
- Resident/ tenant/neighbourhood group
- School group
- Parent council
- Faith group
- Registered charity
- Business improvement area (BIA)
- Indigenous group/collective/organization
- Black-led group/collective/organization
- 2SLGBTQ+ led group/collective/organization
- Other grassroots community action group

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*3. Group Members:

The Group Lead is the main contact person for your group. Please provide the requested information for the Group Lead and at least two other group members. To be eligible for funding, your group must have at least three members residing in Toronto in three separate households.

NOTE FOR SCHOOL GROUPS: Group Leads must be a school staff member. Please provide the requested information for the Group Lead and at least two other adult group members. Do not include student emails or other contact information of student group members.

	Name (First, Last)	Email	Address (Street Number, Street Name, Suite/Unit Number, Postal Code)	Telephone Number
Group member 1 (Group Lead)				
Group member 2 (Secondary Contact)				
Group member 3				

[short answer table]

A. Group Information Continued

*4. Please tell us about your group:

Group Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Website (if applicable - otherwise, indicate N/A): _____

[short answer text; three fields]

*5. What is the total number of people in your group? (including you)

Provide your responses in digits (e.g., "4", not "four").

[short answer numerical text]

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***6. Experience:**

Please share the experience, knowledge and skills your group will use to successfully implement your project. (max. 150 words) For example:

- Gardening experience (has your group or members successfully created a garden in the past?)
- Knowledge of native plants and wild pollinators

[long answer text]

***7. How did you hear about PollinateTO?**

- City website
- Poster / Postcard
- City Councilor
- City Staff
- Live Green News
- Facebook
- X
- Instagram
- TikTok
- ChatGPT
- Live Green Toronto Volunteer
- Community Cluster Coordinator
- Friend or family member
- Past PollinateTO Grant applicant
- PollinateTO garden sign
- Neighbourhood Climate Action Champions
- Community Organization (please specify):

[selection from drop-down list with short answer text if applicable]

B. Project Information

***8. Project Summary:**

Please provide a brief summary of your project to help the Review Committee get a better understanding of your proposed project. (max. 350 words)

For example:

What does your project intend to accomplish?

Where will it be undertaken?

Will you be planting directly in the ground or in open bottom raised beds/stock tanks?

[long answer text]

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***9. Results:**

What methods will you use to measure the impact of your project? Include both qualitative and quantitative measures. (max. 150 words)

Ex. Attendance of events/workshops, participation in citizen science, plant species log, etc.
[long answer text]

10. Community Partners:

If you are working with any community partners (partners may be organizations or individuals), please list them below and briefly describe how each they will be involved.

[long answer text]

***11. Will your project intentionally engage individuals and/or communities from the list below?
Check all groups that apply.**

Please only check specific identities/groups that your group members represent, and your project intentionally engages.

- ☐ 2SLGBTQ+ (Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities)
- ☐ Immigrants and refugees
- ☐ Indigenous communities
- ☐ Persons who are homeless or under-housed
- ☐ Persons with disabilities
- ☐ Persons with low income
- ☐ Persons with low literacy
- ☐ Racialized group(s)
- ☐ Residents in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas
- ☐ Seniors
- ☐ Undocumented workers
- ☐ Victims of violence
- ☐ Women
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ None of the above

[one or more selections from checkbox list]

12. The Review Committee will evaluate targeted equity-based engagement through incorporation in project design. Explain below how your programming plans are specific to each of the identities/groups you selected above. (max. 150 words)

[long answer text]

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*13. Community Engagement & Education:

How will your project engage and educate your community? How will your project motivate others to learn more about pollinators and create their own pollinator habitat? (max. 350 words)

[long answer text]

C. Proposed Project Location(s)

PollinateTO funds gardens on private land and public space. Your project proposal can include multiple gardens at one or more sites (i.e. different addresses). Your proposal can also have one or more gardens at a single site/address (i.e. separate garden beds on different parts of the site/property). Ensure that property owner support has been obtained for each individual site.

*14. Ward:

What City Ward is your project located in?

Visit the City's [Ward Profiles website](#) to confirm your Ward - search by address or place name of your primary garden location.

[selection from drop-down list]

*15. Neighbourhood:

Which City neighbourhood is your project site located in?

Note: Toronto's neighbourhood boundaries have changed as of April 2022. Visit the City's [Neighbourhood Profiles website](#) to confirm your neighbourhood - search by address or the place name of your primary garden location and then select it from the drop-down list below.

If your project is spread over multiple neighbourhoods, please identify the neighbourhood of your primary garden location (i.e. largest pollinator garden).

[selection from drop-down list]

*16. Which category best describes the location of your primary garden location?

- School Learning Garden (e.g. takes place at a school)
- Boulevard (e.g. City owned right of way)
- Spiritual Centre Garden (e.g. a faith/spiritual site)
- City Park (e.g. City owned/managed park)
- Communal Garden (e.g. a Community Centre or is undertaken by a non-profit in community accessible space)
- Multiple Front Yard Gardens (e.g. multiple privately owned front yards)
- Multi-Residential Garden (e.g. condos, co-ops, apartments)
- Multiple Property Garden (e.g. a mix of privately owned and public properties)
- Other (please explain)

[selection from drop-down list with short answer text if applicable]

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*17. What is your relationship to the proposed project location(s)? (e.g., teacher at the school, live across the street, volunteer at the church, boulevard in front of my house, etc.) (max. 50 words)

[long answer text]

*18. Why did you choose the proposed project location(s)? (e.g. heavy foot traffic, close proximity to community, in need of restoration, etc.) (max. 50 words)

[long answer text]

C. Proposed Project Location(s) Continued

*19. How many gardens are you proposing as a part of this project?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- more than 10

[selection from drop-down list]

Please provide details about your proposed garden(s). Refer to the instructions below to help you complete the table.

For Site Address/Name:

- Private property - provide street address
- School grounds - provide full name of school
- City park - provide the park name as shown on the [pre-approved parks list](#)
- Public property - provide the full facility name
- City boulevard - provide the nearest street address or closest intersection

For Pollinator Garden Size:

- Please provide the estimated garden area at each location
- Measurement must include the unit of measurement in **square metres**

For Water Source:

- Describe the existing water access on the site(s) of your proposed garden(s)
- What is the distance of the water source(s) to your garden location(s)?

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For Garden Beds:

Indicate if you will be enhancing existing garden beds or if you will be creating new ones

*20. Garden Location(s) Summary:

NOTE: If your project includes more than 10 locations, please provide a document with a full list via the optional supporting documents upload at the end of the application.

	Site Address / Name	Estimated Garden Size (must state in square meters)	Water Access [describe water source, state distance to garden location(s)]	Is this an existing garden bed or a new bed? [selection from drop-down list]
Garden #1				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #2				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #3				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #4				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #5				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #6				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #7				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #8				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #9				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing
Garden #10				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New • Existing

[short answer table; one embedded selection from drop-down]

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*21. Property Owner Support Letter(s):

A Property Owner Support Letter is required for each of your proposed garden locations. Not doing so may result your application being rejected from this process.

You must use the [Property Owner Support Letter](#) template (Word doc).

The Property Owner Support Letter is a letter from the property owner(s) which confirms that they support your proposal to create a pollinator garden at each of your proposed garden locations. If you are proposing multiple gardens that span more than one site (i.e. multiple addresses), ensure that property owner support has been obtained for each such site (i.e. as they are different addresses, they likely have different property owners).

Support letters are not required for gardens proposed in City parks on the [Pre-Approved City Parks List](#).

Upload file...

[multiple file uploads]

*22. Proposed Garden Location Photos:

The most effective garden location photos achieve the following:

- Clear, up-to-date photos taken recently
- Situate garden in broader location (zoomed out to see nearby land features/buildings)
- Capture water access location
- Named or labelled to describe photo contents (e.g. "Boulevard Garden 1", "Garden 1 water access")

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D. Garden Maintenance

*23. Who will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the garden?

If some key members leave your group, can others fill in? (max. 150 words)

[long answer text]

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*24. All PollinateTO gardens are required to have a maintenance plan. Explain how you plan to maintain the garden(s) for long term success. (max. 150 words)

- List the primary maintenance tasks for each season.
- How will you maintain your garden to accommodate the specific needs of pollinators?
- For school gardens, how will the garden be maintained over the summer months?

[long answer text]

*25. Proposed Plant Species:

Tell us about at least three native plants that you are excited to include in your garden and why you selected these plants. Include one species that blooms in spring, one in summer and one in fall. (max. 150 words)

[long answer text]

E. Funding Request

*26. Upload a Proposed Budget Summary that lists the estimated costs to deliver your project. Please [review eligible costs](#) before submitting your budget.

You **must** use the [Proposed Budget Summary template](#) (Excel document).

Proposed Budget Summary

[file upload]

*27. Proposed Project Budget:

Amount requested from PollinateTO: (max. \$5,000) _____

Total Project Cost: (\$) (Amount requested from PollinateTO + other sources of funding) _____

[short answer text; two fields]

F. Optional Supporting Documents

Please upload any additional documents you think will help the PollinateTO Review Committee understand your proposed project.

Examples of Optional Documents (All of the below examples are optional and are not requirements of the grant):

- Map showing your proposed garden location(s).
- Garden Plan that includes your water source and major landscape features like trees and surrounding buildings. The plan can be hand drawn or made using software and should be representative of your garden(s).
- [Garden Maintenance Plan](#) (e.g. describe how your proposed garden(s) will be cared for)

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- A [Plant List](#) to help you organize your plant choices.

28. Upload optional supporting documents, if any.

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Questions? Email pollinateTO@toronto.ca