

### **Rural Beautification Grant Guidelines and Application**

The Tompkins County Community Beautification Program gives grants to municipalities in Tompkins County to implement beautification projects outside of the City of Ithaca. These grants are funded by the Tompkins County Tourism Program. You are strongly encouraged to talk with the Community Beautification Coordinator before you get too far in planning your project.

Important points to keep in mind concerning the grants:

1. The project should be in an area that is highly visible to the public and on public land: along a main road or near a public building such as a Town Hall, post office, or school.
2. Funding may not be used for staffing, wages, or salaries.
3. The grant is a one-to-one matching grant. The match can be in the form of money, contracted services, or supplies. The match can also include volunteer labor, which is valued at \$34.79/hr (most current rate) and must be tracked and reported.
4. The municipality agrees to front the money for the project and is then reimbursed by the Community Beautification program when the project is done. Purchases should be made tax-free.
5. The maximum grant for 2026 is \$2500.

Date of Application:

Contact Person and email address:

Municipality:

Rough Budget for Project:

Anticipated Grant Amount Requested:

How Match Requirements will be met:

Project Description/Location:

Maintenance Plan: