



## Tempe Water Conservation and Efficiency School Gardening Grant

The Tempe Water Conservation and Efficiency Program is dedicated to educating the community on ways to reduce water waste and increase efficiency to help sustain Tempe's water supply now and for years to come. The School Gardening Grant is one component of Tempe's Youth Education Program related to water conservation. For more information on the program visit [tempe.gov/conservation](http://tempe.gov/conservation).

**Eligibility:** The grant is available to all K-12 public schools in Tempe's Water Service Area. Schools with existing gardens can qualify for modifications that increase efficiency or include an expansion.

**Funding:** Schools participating in this partnership may receive \$1000 for implementing a qualifying project. Funding is limited each fiscal year and applications are reviewed on a first-come first-served basis. Grant money may be used for the purchase of plant material, hardware, irrigation-related materials and garden features that serve an educational purpose. Funding may not be used for contracted labor. In order to receive reimbursement from this grant: All new irrigation equipment installed must be certified as high efficiency; sprinkler system spray bodies must be U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense certified and must contain an integral pressure regulator; new drip irrigation system emitters must contain built-in pressure compensation. A complete list of WaterSense certified spray sprinkler bodies can be found [here](#) and tips for improving efficiency in existing drip irrigation systems can be found [here](#).

**Criteria:** Schools should demonstrate water conservation techniques tailored to their selected project. Applicants should submit a basic garden plan with an appropriate budget. An example budget template is attached to this document.

**Deliverables:** Applicants must submit receipts for all items, reports from their students describing their gardening experiences using water as a resource and a letter on school letterhead detailing the effectiveness and challenges associated with the project. In the letter, include the number of students that worked on the garden project and/or the estimated total number of people that utilize the garden annually. Photographs of any aspect of the project are appreciated. All deliverables must be submitted to Water Conservation, [conservation@tempe.gov](mailto:conservation@tempe.gov), by the end of the current school year.

Limited horticultural assistance will be provided upon request. For questions, please contact the Tempe Water Conservation and Efficiency at [conservation@tempe.gov](mailto:conservation@tempe.gov) or call 480-350-8351.



## School Gardening Grant Application

Mail or email the completed application, proposed budget and garden plan to:  
City of Tempe, Municipal Utilities Department  
Water Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 5002 Tempe, AZ 85280  
Phone: 480-350-8351  
Email: Conservation@tempe.gov

Name of School:

School Address:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Check Payable To:

Project Description:

