

“Water Wise” Garden in Every School® 2014/15 Garden Funding Program

Introduction to the Garden in Every School® Program:

The Garden in Every School® Program (GIES) in the western Inland Empire region was initiated in 2004 to provide a native landscape garden of approximately 4 schools per year within Inland Empire Utilities Agency’s service area (Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Upland, Ontario, Montclair, and Rancho Cucamonga). Each year, approximately four schools will be selected from a pool of competitive applicants to participate in the Garden in Every School® Program (GIES).

The purpose of the GIES program is to educate school-age children and their families, school staff, and other community members about the efficient use of water through the establishment of thematic school gardens that feature climate appropriate plants and more efficient irrigation methods that are coordinated with provision state-aligned curriculum materials. Building this relationship with the schools is significantly important to IEUA and its partners. Through GIES, participating schools, school boards, and maintenance districts are introduced to water-use efficiency opportunities through new irrigation techniques, low water use plants, and curriculum.

Schools participating in the garden funding program will receive the following:

- Assistance in the establishment of a thematic garden, including site selection, irrigation installation, design and installation of the garden;
- Funding of climate appropriate plants, vegetables, garden tools, irrigation equipment and state-aligned curriculum materials;
- Access to state-aligned curriculum materials promoting the efficient use of water for teachers and parents;
- An opportunity to showcase your school and stand out as an ecologically conscious leader in your community.

Program Sponsors:

Sponsors and partners in the Garden in Every School® Program include the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Cucamonga Valley Water District (City of Rancho Cucamonga), Monte Vista Water District (City of Montclair), Fontana Water Company and San Antonio Water Company (City of Upland); and the Lewis Group of Companies. Each of the partners in the Garden in Every School® Program strive to enhance the quality of life in the Inland Empire by promoting water-use efficiency and environmental protection through the Garden in Every School® Program.

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School Qualifications:

Public and private elementary schools in the IEUA and its retail agencies' service area (i.e. schools within the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Ontario, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and a small portion of Rialto and Bloomington) are eligible to apply for the school garden funding program, providing the following:

- Schools must attend the recruitment and program overview workshop
- A completed application must be submitted by the **April 4, 2014 deadline.** The application must contain signatures of commitment from the Maintenance/Facilities Manager, the appointed Lead Teacher, Lead Parent, Principal, and have the Superintendent's approval.
- Sites are not limited in size, but if the site is large, a suitable support team of volunteers must be demonstrated.
- Eligible schools must exhibit a commitment to sustaining the garden and intend to use it for curriculum connections in post-project years.
- The school must commit to hands-on participation by teachers, parents and students on specified planting and garden work days.
- In accepting this funding, the school also agrees to provide a summary and evaluation of the project when complete, describing how the teachers used the landscape for garden-based education, including efficient water usage.
- Schools must participate in a garden dedication ceremony for the students, school staff, parents, and community members, including partnering agencies, program sponsors and the media.
- **All funded items become the property of the school and IEUA and partners are not liable or responsible for the continued maintenance/care of the garden.**

Garden in Every School® Grant Amount:

Participants will be awarded a garden grant valued up to a maximum of \$4,500 in contract labor, irrigation hardware, plants, workshops, and education materials relating to the garden. IEUA and CBWCD staff time in coordinating and administering the program is not included in the grant award.

Past Participants:

2004/2005

Alta Loma Elementary
Butterfield Ranch Elementary
Euclid Elementary
Grant Elementary
Lehigh Elementary
Magnolia Elementary
Rhodes Elementary

2006/2007

Buena Vista Arts-Integrated
El Rancho Elementary
Liberty Elementary
Litel Elementary
Poplar Elementary
Sycamore Elementary
Victoria Groves Elementary

2008/2009

Glenmeade Elementary
Jasper Elementary
Ontario Center School
Perdew Elementary
Grapeland Elementary

2010/2011

Rancho Cucamonga High
Montera Elementary
Briggs Elementary
Mission Elementary
Oxford Prep. Academy

2011/2012

Los Osos High School
Monte Vista Elementary
Redeemer Lutheran
Upland High School

2005/2006

Coyote Canyon Elementary
Foothill Knolls Elementary
Hidden Trails Elementary
Newman Elementary
North Tamarind Elementary
Ranch View Elementary

2007/2008

Chaparral Elementary
Linda Vista Elementary
Peppertree Elementary
Los Amigos Elementary
Oak Park Elementary
Our Lady of the Lourdes

2009/2010

Stork Elementary
Baldy View Elementary
Howard Cattle Elementary
Mariposa Center School

2012/2013

Edison Academy
Etiwanda Intermediate
Sultana Elementary
Vina Danks Middle School



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