

Upstate Master Naturalist Association (UMNA)

TIMELINE FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND SELECTION

MARCH 1, 2025

Announcement of annual UMNA Grants Program by the Chair of the Grants Committee.

Application and guidelines will be posted by the Chair on the UMNA website, other social media sites and in the UMNA newsletter. Notification will also be sent to other related organizations, such as the SC Native Plant Society, SC Environmental Education Association, and public schools and libraries.

JUNE 1, 2025 (5:00pm)

Submission deadline for Grants applications

Confirmation of receipt will be sent to the applicant by the Grants Committee Chair.

JUNE 2 – 20, 2025

A member of the Grants Committee will conduct interviews and site visits, as needed. The Community Grants Committee will evaluate the grant applications and recommend the grants to be funded to the Board.

JULY 1, 2025

The Chair of the Community Grants Committee presents the slate of grant recipients to the UMNA board for final approval. Once approval has been given, the Chair of the Grants Committee will notify the recipients of their award. The applicants of grants that were not approved will also be notified.

JULY GENERAL MEETING (FOURTH THURSDAY OF JULY), 2025

The Chair of the Grants Committee will announce the grants to be funded and present a check to the project leader, who will give a brief description of the project. Beginning with the July 24, 2025 meeting, project leaders for the previous grant cycle will share a brief summary of the project and whether or not the project met its goals.

JANUARY 1, 2026

Mid-cycle progress narrative and financial report are due to the Chair of the Grants Committee.

JUNE 30, 2026

Final narrative and financial report are due to the chair of the Grants Committee.