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Progress for Pollinators Grants *Funds available for projects that nurture pollination*

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo (HHPZ) and the Happy Hollow Foundation “Progress for Pollinators” grant program seeks community members who are dedicated to creating pollinator-friendly habitats.

As a certified wildlife conservation center, HHPZ supports pollinators with these grants, as well as by planting native landscaping, hosting public beekeeping workshops, selling honey, and raising funds for pollinators through the Zoo’s “Quarters for Conservation” program.

“Bees and other pollinators play a significant role in food production and the overall health of our environment,” says Amy Pizarro, executive director of the Happy Hollow Foundation. “These grants encourage local conservation efforts by providing resources for people to take action and provide important pollinator habitats in their neighborhoods.”

The grant application process opens Friday, February 2, and up to \$2,500.00 will be awarded. To be eligible, applicants must have space for planting that is accessible to the public with a minimum of 100 square feet. 501 (c) non-profit organizations, schools, nature centers, and local or state-run organizations committed to community based conservation are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

“We hope to help people realize how easy it is to create pollinator-friendly spaces,” says Steve Demkowski, resident “Bee Guy” and instructor at HHPZ. “Whether it’s a window box in your apartment, a garden in your backyard or a green space in your community, every little bit can make a difference.”

Project design should incorporate the themes of conservation, creativity, and fun. Each project must contain a teaching component, with a signage installation or personal interpretation, that educates the community about native pollinators and native plants. Projects must also align with the City of San José sustainable landscaping guidelines.

For more information or to download an application, please visit: <http://bit.ly/hhpzpollinators>

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[Happy Hollow Park & Zoo](#) (HHPZ) is a division of the City of San José [Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services](#). Supported by the [Happy Hollow Foundation](#), the mission of HHPZ is connecting people to nature through play. HHPZ provides a variety of outdoor play experiences for all ages, including an AZA accredited zoo; rides and nature-themed amusement; celebrations, in-house, and private events; as well a robust animal education and wildlife conservation program.