



Greater Des Moines
Botanical Garden



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Botanical Garden Named 2026 Bravo Grant Recipient

(Des Moines, Iowa) Dec. 15, 2025 — **The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is pleased to announce it has received a 2026 Operating Grant from Bravo Greater Des Moines.** Bravo's operating grants provide general funding support to arts, culture and heritage organizations in the Greater Des Moines region. The Botanical Garden is one of 83 recipients who benefit from more than \$6.1 million in monetary support.

Over the past two years, in addition to the operating grant, Bravo funding has supported the expansion of the Botanical Garden [Plant Pet Program](#), helping staff reach elementary school classrooms across the Des Moines metro and expanding the across a 50-mile radius quicker than planned.

Additionally, Bravo funded a capital grant to the Botanical Garden's Welcome, Gather, Grow campaign, investing in the continued priorities the Botanical Garden is implementing to meet the needs of the region. The 17 communities that support Bravo through their hotel/motel taxes are among those served as visitors, members and volunteers of the Botanical Garden.

"Bravo's dedication to the Botanical Garden makes a lasting impact on everyone who interacts with our classes, events, volunteers and spaces," said Kim Perez, President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. "They have been a generous funder, champion and true partner for many years and we're incredibly grateful for their support as we expand upon our mission to reach even more people through the wonderful world of plants and nature."

About Bravo Greater Des Moines

Bravo Greater Des Moines leverages community resources to maximize the impact of arts, culture and heritage to advance regional priorities. Leveraging funds contributed by seventeen local government partners, Bravo invests strategically in arts, culture and heritage organizations and projects that contribute to and enhance the quality of life in Greater Des Moines for residents and visitors.

<http://www.bravogreaterdesmoines.org>

About the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is more than a dome, it's **the connection point** between plants, people and the natural world. It's a place where you can **be who you are, do the things you love** and **spend time** with the people who matter most. A place where anyone can explore, create, connect, and **find their true nature**. This urban oasis, located in downtown Des Moines, is a nonprofit that keeps growing because of the support of its members and volunteers. Located amidst a vibrant cityscape and lovely river views, the 12-acres of gardens are teeming with thousands of native plants and exotic greenery from across

the world. Its verdant offerings include a soothing waterfall and pond, one of the country's most extensive bonsai collections and brilliant seasonal blooms galore. No matter the season, the Botanical Garden provides a range of fun, signature events and classes in an always friendly climate. In operation since 1979, it features an 80 feet tall geodesic-domed conservatory that includes a living wall and 18 outdoor gardens interspersed with sculptures, a serene water garden, regal rows of shade trees, walking paths, a stunning orchid collection, vibrant rose garden, unique Asian-style garden and much more.

To plan your next trip to the Botanical Garden, [visit our website](#) for information on upcoming events, tickets, visitor's guide and more.

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