

Bee the Change Pilot

Dear Valued Staff Member,

The Bee Cause Project believes that YOU can #BeeTheChange! And we will support you with guidance towards success every step of the way! Our top priority is providing quality pollinator programming that is comprehensive and easily shared with your community via the assistance of a well-organized volunteer coordinator. Read on to learn more about the details and ways **The Bee Cause Project** and **Foresters Financial** will help you deliver each component with confidence.

Through this grant, we hope to help libraries like yours make small changes to improve pollinator habitats and promote even bigger changes in the community while supporting pollinator literacy. This program is meant to provide the tools that libraries need (1) to create an indoor pollinator-focused learning area, (2) to install pollinator-friendly habitat boosters on campus, and (3) to collaborate with local volunteers to deliver 25 bee-themed activity kits to children and families. Collectively, these steps will increase awareness for the plight of pollinators and inspire students and families to become environmental stewards.

We've hand-selected your library or school library in a target city where **Foresters Financial** can support your mission. You will work alongside one local volunteer coordinator who will be responsible for ensuring the grant materials are all assembled and delivered on time to your location. This program is developed to be flexible to meet you and the volunteers where you are, so there is flexibility in how each grant is executed. As your nonprofit partner, our intention is to provide live and pre-recorded support to all participants to ensure the greatest impact and value are achieved. Additionally, all options listed below will include educational materials provided by The Bee Cause to assist you AND the volunteer in delivering each item with ease.

Details

Each chosen **Library** will be paired with a **Foresters Community Leader** who is committed to preparing and delivering the 25 pollinator-themed activity kits. Each kit will include 4 separate activities that are family-friendly and age-appropriate. The items are intended to start a conversation with the children on the importance of pollinators and will help your library highlight the additional *bee books* that will be available in your library for checkout.

Below is a list of amazing resources included in the #BeeTheChange program:

I. INTRODUCTION- provided to libraries and volunteers

- Customized welcome video by Bee Cause
- Introduction facilitated by Bee Cause for all participants (library, volunteer, nonprofit)
- Login invitation to the [OER Commons](#) (encompassing the entire Bee Cause catalog of curriculum, lesson plans, educator’s guides, and more)

II. INDOOR COMPONENT - provided directly to libraries

- [Bee a Friend to Pollinators lesson plan](#), including a Pre and Post Campus Assessment
- 11 Pollinator Focused Books (hand-selected to address all levels of learning)
- Custom-created Educator Guides for each book, perfect for a Book Club or Read Aloud activity
- Customized bulletin-board friendly poster to highlight the *Bee a Friend to Pollinators* program

III. OUTDOOR COMPONENT - provided directly to libraries

- Sustainable Native Bee House to install onsite
- Custom signage to highlight the *Pollinator Friendly Campus* program
- \$100 stipend to be used in conjunction with a Grow Bag to plant a pollinator-friendly arrangement to be displayed on the library’s campus

IV. COMMUNITY OUTREACH - provided directly to volunteers to coordinate and assemble for libraries

- “Conversation Starter” Activities for 25 children (can be used as an incentive/give-away for those who check out one of the pollinator-themed books). Each kit has each of the following components:
 - DIY Sustainable Native Bee House
 - Planting a Wildflower Garden from Seed
 - Save the Bees Bracelet
 - Honey Tasting Experience
 - Adopt A Bee Certificate

V. VOLUNTEERISM

Primary opportunity:

- Your local volunteer coordinator will deliver 25 individual “kits” for your library to share with its students, children, and/or their families

Add-on opportunities:

- Your local volunteer may offer to assist students in completing their DIY Activities if there is a scheduled event or opportunity onsite (in-person option)
- Your local volunteer may offer to assist you in leading the [Bee a Friend to Pollinators](#) campus assessment with the students (in-person option)
- Your local volunteer may offer to visit your library and lead a Read Aloud using one of the donated pollinator-themed books (in-person option)
- Your local volunteer and you may choose to work together in another way we have not addressed in this document

The Bee Cause Project and **Forester Financial** are thrilled to be partnering with you and your community to raise awareness of the plight of pollinators. We look forward to you joining our network and hope you will decide to #beethechange!

If you are looking for more information about The Bee Cause Project, please check out our website at thebeecause.org. And Foresters Financial is located at foresters.com.

We'd like to share some of our favorite video links, including some of our own, to inspire you about this pollinator journey!

- [The Bee Cause Project Digital Field Trip - Honey Harvest](#)
- [The Critical Importance of Pollinators](#)
- [Pollination: Trading Food for Fertilization](#)
- [What Are Pollinators?](#)

Thank you so much,
The Bee Cause Project Team