

Brightside has awarded 12 NatureScape grants to area nonprofit groups for a variety of beautification projects.

Neighborhood groups, suburban cities, schools and nonprofit organizations can apply for NatureScape grants twice a year. Awards range from \$200 to \$1,500.

The grants are funded through private donations and can go to any nonprofit group.

The grants went to:

Center for Women & Families, \$465 to help create a garden to give victims of domestic abuse a place to reflect and relax.

City of Thornhill, \$200 to plant daffodils.

Descendants of American Slaves, \$500 to buy rakes, shovels and other tools to aid neighborhood cleanups.

Dreams With Wings, \$1,500 for landscaping at Bardstown Road office.

E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, \$1,500 for recycling project.

Field Elementary School, \$1,500 for butterfly garden.

Friends School, \$1,325 for entrance landscaping at school in St. Matthews.

Germantown/Paristown Pointe Neighborhood Association, \$1,500 for compost bins and cleanup.

Irish Hill Neighborhood Association, \$1,000 to beautify Irish Hill Park.

J.B. Atkinson Elementary School, \$1,500 for landscaping at Family Resource Center.

Southwest Community Ministries, \$825 for landscaping at office.

Windsor Forest Association, \$1,500 for landscaping.