

Gardening Grant Applied For

AHNA recently received an invitation to apply for a grant from the Connecticut Valley Garden Club. For the past six years they have been working on the new Heritage Rose Garden in Elizabeth Park which visitors there will note is practically completed.

Since they have been so successful with that project they began reaching out for other worthy projects.

Their criteria are “new or restoration garden or landscape projects that benefit beloved area institutions, parks and neighborhoods and add tangible value to our community.”

There were several other guidelines about what they were looking for, and what would not be considered.

All in all, it looked like a great opportunity to build on the work that was done a few years ago with the Pocket Gardens on Ashley St. These made a great difference to the appearance of the street, and are being well maintained.

For this grant, AHNA has partnered with NINA, several of the area churches, and Fresh



Start Pallet Products to submit a list of small projects that taken together could make a significant visual impact on Asylum Hill.

Flowerboxes for windows and front porches have been proposed, and planter benches in strategic places, both of which can be built by Fresh Start. Other locations could receive pocket gardens similar to the ones

on Ashley St, hopefully with the same benefit.

The intersection of Asylum and Sigourney gets a great deal of visibility daily and adding flowers and landscaping there could add a lot to the appearance of the whole neighborhood.

We don't really know how many other organizations or communities were offered this opportunity, nor do we know when the decision will be made, but you can be sure if we are chosen you will read about it in the AHNA News & Views.

For photos of some of the proposed sites and enhancements go to:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iPhdI2SDcJ1jPz3i2>