



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Gainesville Garden Club

Request Date:	07/16/2026
Requesting Organization:	Gainesville Garden Club
Contact Name:	Elizabeth Amdur
Event Name:	Alachua County Fall Horticulture Expo
Event Date:	10/17/2026
Event Summary:	The Alachua County Fall Horticulture Expo is a signature community event providing education and hands-on activities for children and families, and we bring together educators and organizations to share information on food, gardening, wildlife, conservation, and sustainable living. The Expo operates with over 250 volunteers, and it is funded by grants, sponsorships, vendor fees, and retail sales. Financial contributions directly increase youth and family support, enhance experiential learning, and provide greater access for families regardless of income. Now in its 4th year, the Expo continues to grow. Total attendees in 2024 was 1,492, and 2025 was 2,090. Projections in 2026 are over 2,500 attendees and 118 exhibitors.
Number of Attendees:	3,000
Expenses Summary:	How funds will be used: 1. Expand dedicated Youth Zones with hands-on stations for plant science, food systems, and environmental stewardship 2. Increase 4 - H Activity Stations (Agriculture and plant science demonstrations and hands-on learning about soil, pollinators, and food production) 3. Enhance Youth Learning Materials (Supplies for take home projects, scavenger hunt materials promoting exploration of educational booths, and printed educational resources tied to 4 - H curriculum themes) 4. Increase Teen Engagement (Outreach materials for local high schools on leadership and volunteer opportunities for teens through 4 - H and community partnerships)
Requested Amount:	\$2500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2500
Authorized By:	