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Keep Texas Beautiful Announces Beautification Grant Winners

KTB awards six local communities with the 2017 Native Garden Grant from AEP Texas

[AUSTIN, Texas] Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) has partnered with AEP Texas to award six affiliate communities with the 2017 Native Garden Grant. This year's Native Garden Grant winners include Keep Alpine Beautiful, Keep Port Aransas Beautiful, Keep Cleburne Beautiful, Keep Gatesville Beautiful, Keep Grapevine Beautiful and Keep Hutto Beautiful.

Individual grant winners are passionate about creating gardens and are dedicated to growing native plant and tree species. With their \$600 cash grant and \$200 maintenance assistance award, winners will create gardens that serve as a model to educate and engage community members to grow native species in their own gardens. KTB hopes to create awareness not only in the winning communities involved, but throughout Texas. To receive this grant award, winners submitted native garden proposals, slated to be completed by December 2017.

Previous Native Garden Grants resulted in 2,900 pounds of trash collected during the 1,000 hours spent cleaning and preserving areas for gardens. In addition, numerous trees, gardens and flowers were planted in local areas to promote conservation. In addition to financial support, communities awarded this year's grants will receive support and materials such as sunblock, gardening gloves and trash bags.

AEP Texas supports Keep Texas Beautiful to further its goal of strengthening the communities that it serves. In the words of Tony Arce, Jr., Manager, External Affairs at AEP Texas and member of the Keep Texas Beautiful Board of Directors, "AEP Texas is proud to partner with Keep Texas Beautiful as it works with local communities around the state to keep Texas clean and beautiful. The Native Garden grants will allow affiliates to beautify their communities, while demonstrating environmentally sustainable gardens."

Keep Texas Beautiful is a network of dedicated Texans working together to make our state the greatest place to live, work and play. We equip local partners and affiliates with the tools they need to build vibrant, engaged communities.

To learn more about KTB resources and current grant opportunities such as the Native Garden Grant visit www.ktb.org.

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Keep Texas Beautiful

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to beautifying and improving community environments through programming and education; we address the areas of litter prevention, community beautification and waste reduction. We work with affiliate communities, government agencies, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the



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opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. KTB is also a certified state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. 2017 is the 50th Anniversary of KTB. For more information, visit www.ktb.org, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram [@keptxbeautiful](https://www.instagram.com/keptxbeautiful).

AEP Texas

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