

YOU CAN HELP

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center WIN A GRANT

to BRING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS
to LEARN at the GARDENS,
from

USA TODAY's "a community thrives" program!

The South Texas Botanical Gardens is 1 of only 4 local non-profits which qualified to compete in the (ACT) program! Only 24 in Texas, 1500 nationally. We are eligible to win 1 of 16 grants from \$25,000 to \$100,000! And also eligible to win an operating grant starting at \$2500!

STBGNC seeks support for its *Connecting Children with Nature Youth/School Education Program*. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center proposes to enhance development and support sustainability of its youth education and environmental programming by providing and allocating necessary resources to be utilized for program sustainability and to continue services for low income children, attending partnering public school districts. In 2018, STBGNC provided programs for 4,500 students.

STBGNC provides an experiential on-site learning facility to get kids out of the classroom and into our natural environment for hands-on learning that reinforces scientific concepts and fosters an appreciation and understanding of fragile ecosystems, thus preparing informed leaders of tomorrow.

STBGNC helps children link environmental education concepts taught in classrooms to real life situations, preparing them to be well-educated, responsible members of society and future decision makers and social influencers.

With a large percentage of these students at or near poverty level, opportunities are rare or non-existent for these children to benefit from an outdoor education platform. Environmental learning experiences for these students are extremely limited. It is imperative for us to assist in providing such opportunities.

To remain in competition, we must raise a \$6000 MATCH by 12 Noon, Friday, April 12!

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/stbgnc>.

