

Funding for CGs

Adopt-a-Garden

Foster partnerships between businesses, service organizations, universities or community colleges, etc. Contact the local Chamber of Commerce to identify potential partners. Look to the parents of the children who garden for support from their businesses.

America the Beautiful Fund - Operation Green Plant is offering FREE SEEDS!

They are offering between 100 and 1000 seed packets on the basis of availability and relative need for volunteer efforts to grow food for the needy, elderly, handicapped and confined; for charitable plant sales; to beautify neighborhoods; to start new educational programs; and to show that growing plants can give people and communities new hope as they help to beautify and nourish America. These are seeds were packaged to sell last year and have germination rates of 85% to 90%.

To request a Free Seed Grant, simply request an application, then:

- -Attach a short letter describing your project
- -Enclose a check for Shipping & Handling
- -Mail it to the following address:
America the Beautiful Fund
1730 K Street NW Suite 1002
Washington, DC, 20006
(1-800-522-3557)

Common Ground Garden Program

Ricardo Gomez, Manager, Agriculture and Environmental Programs
Burpee/USDA Partnership
USDA Extension Service
South building, Room 3347
Washington, DC 20250-0900
(202) 720-2471

Donations for groups servicing the most needy and neglected urban areas.

Community Development Block Grants

Federal funds which are given to the cities to use to meet local priorities and needs. \$500 - \$50,000 available for one program. Contact your local Mayor's office for information and application procedures. Involve the children in the process of securing funds. They can attend council meetings and write letters to successfully lobby for city block grant money for their gardening program.

Community Foundations

Contact [The Foundation Center](#), 79 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003, (800) 424-9836 or visit the reference section of your local library to identify

potential funders. The Foundation Directory lists corporate and private foundations. Call for locations and phone numbers of regional offices.

Donations

Develop a budget and a specific wish list. Form a plan for raising the money including a list of potential donors, what you will request, who will do the asking, how donors will be recognized and involved in the project, and how you will express your appreciation.

Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. EPA-[Environmental Education Grants](#)
Office of Public Affairs (E2)
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 744-1581
\$5,000 to \$250,000 awards

Garden Clubs

The Grantsmanship Center

Training Opportunities, Free Magazine, Nonprofit Resources, Publications, and more.

The National Education Association

A variety of grants programs to support teachers doing innovative work

National Environmental Education and Training Foundation

915 Fifteenth Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 628-8200

"Creating Awareness, Education, and Action in Support of the Environment"

NEETF awards one-year challenge grants requiring a cash match of at least one non-federal dollar for each NEETF dollar awarded. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$40,000

National Gardening Association

Youth Garden Grants Program

1100 Dorset St.

So. Burlington, VT 05403

Landscapes for Learning, Youth Garden Grants, and Kids Growing with Dutch Bulbs 300 youth gardens nation wide will each be awarded tools, seeds and garden products valued at \$750. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Both food gardens and beautification projects are eligible. Evaluation criteria include: leadership, educational and environmental programming, innovation, sustainability, need and community support.

National Science Foundation

Attention [Grants](#) and Agreements
1800 G Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20550
(202) 357-9859

Organic Gardening Magazine

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In 2007 Organic Gardening magazine provided rainwater harvesting systems to 20 community gardens around North America as part of their Waterworks project. The effort was a great success. Sponsors, Aveeno and Nature's Path, gained a true appreciation for the important benefits community gardens bring to their participants and neighborhoods. In 2008 they plan to bring this program to 15 more gardens.

[See profiles of the gardens which have won in the past](#)
[Download an Application](#)

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