



Funding Opportunities for Community and School Gardens

I. Community and School Garden Funding Opportunities

A. Local Austin Opportunities

Austin Urban Forest Grant Program (Managed by Austin Community Foundation)

<http://austintexas.gov/page/urban-forest-grant-program>

Contact: Jason.traweek@austintexas.gov, (512)974-2332

Description: Works to preserve and replenish Austin trees as the city continues to grow. This program aims to achieve a balance between re-forestation and preservation. The guidelines include a diverse range of categories to encourage creative and innovative proposals that benefit Austin's urban forest. Proposals could include replanting or preservation of public and neighborhood trees lost or damaged in storms or by disease, the creation of public service announcements promoting tree conservation and preservation, or inventive education/training programs that introduce tree preservation and care to diverse audiences.

Award: Community grants and individual awards dependent upon project

Eligibility: Public, non-profit or private entities such as businesses, governmental agencies, academic and private institutions, homeowners or neighborhood associations, youth groups, civic groups and non-profit organizations may apply for funding.

Deadline: Ongoing

Community Development Block Grants

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>

Contact: Christy Moffett, Senior Planner, cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov, (512)854-3460

Description: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federal grant administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Through CDBG, HUD provides annual grants to cities and counties to carry out a variety of community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Award: Amount dependent upon project

Eligibility: All CDBG funding is targeted to benefit low- and moderate-income residents who earn at or below 80% of the median family income. For example, a family of four must earn less than or equal to \$58,650. CDBG funding is granted to non-for-profit organizations and other county departments to provide specific activities to eligible residents. Neighborhoods may be eligible for CDBG funding if members reside in the unincorporated area of Travis County. An unincorporated area is simply a community that is not located within a city.

Organization may be eligible for CDBG funding if they serve residents living in the unincorporated area of Travis County.

Deadline: Ongoing, projects, projects submitted after March 31st will be considered for the following year, decisions are made by the end of June

Note: This grant is aimed more at housing/utility improvements than larger community areas like gardens as a whole, but community gardens could still qualify as part of the Public Services that they fund.

Keep Austin Beautiful Community Cleanups

<http://keepaustinbeautiful.org/cleanup>

Contact: Keith Sears, keith@keepaustinbeautiful.org, (512) 391-0617 x702

Description: If you have a group ready to clean a specific area (or are an individual who just wants to make a difference) KAB can help you plan your cleanup.

Award: Cleanup supplies and guidance

Eligibility: Individuals and groups interested in cleaning up public space

Deadline: Apply at least 2 weeks before your clean up date

Neighborhood Partnering Program

<http://www.austintexas.gov/neighborhoodpartnering>

Contact: Justin Golbabai (Community Services Program Manager) Justin.Golbabai@austintexas.gov, (512) 974-6439

Description: In support of Imagine Austin, Austin's Comprehensive Plan, the Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) provides opportunities for community and neighborhood organizations to affect public improvements by

sharing in the costs of those efforts with the City of Austin government. The city allows many different types of projects, including beautification/landscaping projects, neighborhood park improvements, neighborhood clean-ups, etc. The city allows the applicant to share the cost of the project through cash contributions, in-kind contributions, and/or donated labor.

Award: Four sub-programs exist, two of which are applicable to community gardens:

- 1) The Neighborhood Cost Share Program includes the following funding categories: **limited** projects, costing under \$2,500; **small** projects, costing \$75,00 or less; **medium** projects, those costing **\$75,00-\$150,000**; and **large** projects, costing over \$150,000 and up to \$500,000. Interested applicants are expected to share in the cost of the project, beginning with a minimum of 25% of the total project cost.
- 2) The Grant Assistance Program (GAP), provides City matching funds for up to 50% of external grant opportunities that require matching funds.

Eligibility: All projects must be done on City-owned property or in a City right-of-way. Community garden projects are listed as eligible projects. Project proposals are evaluated on the program's core values: community participation, cost sharing, quality of life enhancement, incorporation of City initiatives, and geographic equity.

Deadline: Ongoing (For cost-sharing programs, completed applications are due June 1st and October 1st of each year; or the first business day thereafter.)

Austin Community Foundation

<http://www.austincf.org/>

Contact: Meagan Anderson Longley, Director of Grants & Scholarships, (512) 220-1412, mlongley@austincf.org

Description: Founded in 1977, we are the third largest charitable foundation in Central Texas by grants distributed. We foster an ecosystem of philanthropy to create meaningful change in Austin. We do so by providing efficient and effective giving tools for donors, impactful grants for nonprofits and collaborative leadership around the most pressing needs in our community.

Award: The Austin Community Foundation offers a competitive grant program for nonprofit organizations in Austin and surrounding areas. Grant requests are reviewed through the year in a 4-6 month process and may receive funding from the Foundation's unrestricted fund or from donor-advised funds.

Eligibility: Must be a non-profit operating within one of eight Community Impact Areas,

<http://www.austincf.org/Nonprofits/ApplyforaGrant/OurCommunityGrantProgram/CommunityImpactAreas.aspx>

(In general the Foundation does not grant funds for unrestricted general operating expenses, endowment funds, scholarships, religious organizations, for religious purposes, fundraising activities or events, umbrella funding organizations that intend to distribute funds at their own discretion, political lobbying or legislative activities, individuals or multi-year commitments).

Deadline: Ongoing

B. National Opportunities

The Fruit Planting Organization

<http://www.ftpf.org/>

Contact: (831) 621-8096, info@ftpf.org

Description: The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is an award-winning international nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water.

Award: FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations to follow, at places such as public schools ("Fruit Tree 101"), city parks and community gardens ("Communities Take Root"), low-income neighborhoods and international hunger relief sites ("Fruit Relief"), Native American reservations ("Trees for Tribes"), health centers ("Roots of Recovery"), and animal sanctuaries ("Orchards for Animals"). <http://www.ftpf.org/programs.pdf>

"Fruit Tree 101" is a program that brings fruit tree orchards to schoolyards so students can improve the quality of the air and water while creating a source of tasty snacks for decades to come. Not only do our schoolyard fruit orchards help the environment, but they give your teacher an excuse to hold class outside when it's time for science lessons! Our orchard donations involve, on average, a 12-20 tree minimum (we do not currently offer single trees) to public or nonprofit schools. The trees, materials, orchard installation design work, and onsite environmental curriculum with students are all donated, free of charge for the benefit of the school and its students.

Eligibility: Recipients must be nonprofits, public or nonprofit schools, or government entities that 1) own the planting site or have long-term arrangements to remain at the planting site, 2) are committed to caring for the trees in perpetuity, 3) have a source of irrigation nearby, 4) and can help coordinate local volunteers to join us on the day of planting.

Deadline: Ongoing

American Honda Foundation

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Contact: (310) 781-4090 or <mailto:ahf@ahm.honda>

Description: Help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits.

Award: \$20,000 to \$75,000

Eligibility: Grants in the fields of youth education and science education to the following: educational institutions, K-12; accredited higher education institutions (colleges and universities); community colleges and vocational or trade schools; scholarship and fellowship programs at selected colleges and/or universities or through selected non-profit organizations; other scientific and education-related, non-profit, tax-exempt organizations.

Deadline: One application per year may be submitted by February 1, May 1, August 1 or November 1

Katie's Krops

<http://katieskrops.com/>

Contact: Katie Stagliano, (843) 327-3366, katie@katieskrops.com

Description: Katie's Krops is accepting applications from to win a grant to start a vegetable garden to feed people in need in their community. The mission of Katie's Krops is to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and donate the harvest to help feed people in need, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same.

Award: Gift card to a garden center in your area (up to \$500)

Eligibility: Individuals gardeners between the ages of 9-16 years old that live in the United States.

Deadline: Grant cycles begin October 1st and close December 31st

Knight Foundation

<http://www.knightfoundation.org/apply/>

Contact: web@knightfoundation.org, (305) 908-2600

Description: The national foundation seeks opportunities that can transform both communities (and journalism) and help them reach their highest potential. We believe nothing big happens without a big idea, nothing new without a new idea. In every project we fund, the idea comes first.

Award: Dependent upon project

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations involved in one or more of the Knight Foundation's six funding priorities; education, well-being of children and families, housing and community development, economic development, civic engagement or vitality of cultural life.

Deadline: Ongoing

The Lorie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program

<http://wildones.org/seedmony.html>

Contact: SFEapplication@wildones.org

Description: Wild Ones is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the use of natural landscaping with native plant species as an ecologically better alternative to traditional landscaping practices.

Award: Range from \$100 to \$500 each.

Eligibility: Schools, nature centers, and other nonprofit and not-for-profit places of learning (including houses of worship) with a site available for this stewardship project may apply for an SFE grant.

Deadline: October 15, annually

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

<http://responsibility.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Contact: Community@lowes.com

Description: Founded in 1957, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) has a long and proud history of contributing to grassroots community projects. LCEF awards more than \$3 million annually to diverse organizations and schools across the United States where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. The Foundation's primary philanthropic focus areas include K-12 public schools and non-profit community-based organizations.

Award: \$100 - \$100,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations & public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Deadline: Small grants of \$100 - \$2,000 on a rolling basis; Toolbox for Education grants of \$2,000 - \$100,000 twice annually spring app cycle will run December 18-February 12, 2016 and August 1-September 26, 2016; Lowe's Community Partner Grant spring app cycle will run March 21-May 23, 2016 and July 1-August 26, 2016.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

www.toolboxforeducation.com

Contact: info@toolboxforeducation.com

Description: Lowe's recognizes the importance of parent involvement in education. To empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools, we have established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents.

Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Any K-12 school or parent group with a group tax ID# or official 501(c)(3) status.

Deadline: February 12th, 2016

Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adults

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-177.html>

Contact: common@od.nih.gov

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media.

Award: varies

Eligibility: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants/grant-eligibility.html>

Deadline: May 7th, 2017

Ford Foundation

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/>

Contact: (212) 573-5000

Description: The Ford Foundation is always open to new ideas, and we invite you to submit yours <http://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/idea-submission/>. We'll review each one and get in touch if we are interested in learning more. Before submitting your idea, we suggest you familiarize yourself with our seven areas focused on challenging inequality; Civic Engagement and Government, Free Expression and Creativity, Equitable Development, Gender, Racial and Ethnic Justice, Inclusive Economies, Internet Freedom, Youth Opportunity and Learning.

Award: Dependent

Eligibility: Flexible (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/org/o0023>)

Deadline: Ongoing

Environmental Justice Small Grant Program

<http://www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

Contact: Sheila Lewis, lewis.sheila@epa.gov

Description: The Environmental Protection Agency will provide funding to community-based organizations working with or in communities facing environmental justice issues. The EPA Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues.

Award: Depends

Eligibility: Community-based organizations and local and tribal organizations working with communities facing environmental justice issues.

Deadline: 2015 window closed (check website for 2016 application deadlines)

II. Community Garden-Only Funding Opportunities

Sites that list current grant opportunities:

<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/resources/funding-opportunities.php>

A. Local Austin Opportunities

Austin Parks Foundation “Adopt A Park” Program

<http://austinparks.org/programs/adopt-a-park/>

Contact: (512) 477-1566, adopt@austinparks.org

Description & Award: We guide potential park adopters through the application process, providing technical expertise, training and project management services for more complex projects, as well as access to our tool warehouse. Park adopters are also encouraged to recruit volunteers and raise funds for their projects through our website. <http://austinparks.org/programs/adopt-a-park/tool-warehouse/>

Eligibility: Citizen and Community Groups

Deadline: Ongoing

Austin Parks Foundation Austin City Limits Music Festival Fund

<http://austinparks.org/programs/grants/>

Contact: (512) 477-1566, adopt@austinparks.org

Description: The Austin City Limits Music Festival Park Grants Program provides direct financial support to volunteers who have signed on as “Park Adopters” (through the “Adopt a Park” program), and contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars in park improvement funding every year. Our Park Grants Program leverages resources by asking community groups to provide a match through volunteer labor, cash and in-kind contributions. The City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department does its part by providing materials, heavy equipment, planning expertise and labor. Park projects have included projects like tree planting, trail construction, invasive species removal, play equipment, park furnishings and dog park improvements, among others. If you have a great idea for a park improvement project, or even a brand new park, Austin Parks Foundation grants can help! Become a “Park Adopter” and apply for grants.

Award: \$500 to \$100,000, Grants require matching through volunteerism, cash fundraising, and/or in-kind donations.

Eligibility: Become a “Park Adopter,” <http://austinparks.org/programs/adopt-a-park/>. APF funds projects on City parkland.

Deadline: Grants are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed twice a year; deadlines are May 30 and September 30.

B. National Opportunities

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

www.mott.org/grantsandguidelines/forgrantseekers/grantseeker.aspx

Contact: (810)238-5651, info@mott.org

Description: The Mott Foundation provides grants for civil society, environment and poverty projects as well as projects local to Flint, Michigan. The foundation mission is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society.

Award: \$15,000 to \$250,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations within U.S. (International only from above countries with equivalent tax exempt status)

Deadline: Open, but those received September 1 to December 31 will be considered for next calendar year

WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others

http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/Who_funding.asp

Contact: (972) 341-3019, who@whofoundation.org

Description: The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others® nationally supports grass-roots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Grants are provided to organizations serving women and/or children in the United States and Puerto Rico. Specific projects and programs addressing health and social service needs are our priority. The Foundation recognizes the value of new programs created to respond to changing needs and will consider funding projects of an original or pioneering nature within an existing organization.

Award: Dependent upon organization

Eligibility: Organizations must have 501(c)(3) non-profit status.* Organizations must have been incorporated for a minimum of three years prior to application. If you have received a WHO Foundation grant in the past, please wait three years before applying again. Preference will be given to organizations with an operating budget of \$3 million or less, those not dependent upon government grants, and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs.

(see http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/WHO_FundingCriteria.asp for full criteria)

Deadline: Check website early 2016

III. School Garden-Only Funding Opportunities

A. National Opportunities

Sites that list current grant opportunities:

<http://www.growtolearn.org/resources/funding-your-garden/>

<http://www.americainbloom.org/resources/Grant-Opportunities.aspx>

<http://www.squaremeals.org/FandNResources/FundingGrants.aspx>

Annie's Grants for Gardens

<http://www.annies.com/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens/>

Description: Annie's offers Grants for Gardens donations to schools and other educational programs that help build school gardens.

(The yearly Grants for Gardens application is now closed and will reopen in November 2016).

Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program

<http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/>

Contact: Kim Harruff, Cabbage Program Coordinator at kim.harruff@bonnieplants.com

Description: Each year, Bonnie Plants distributes free cabbage plants to third graders across the country to foster an interest in gardening and the environment. Cabbages are delivered to students whose teachers have signed up to participate. Students in these third grade classrooms each get their very own cabbage to plant, take care of and harvest. The cabbages produce oversized heads, making the process even more exciting for kids.

Award: Oversized cabbage and the chance for students to win \$1,000

Eligibility: Third grade classes in the U.S.

Deadline: Classes must be registered by February 15th

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

(The guidelines for this grant program are currently under revision and will be re-opened on March 15, 2016).

DonorsChoose.org

<http://www.donorschoose.org/>

Contact: https://secure.donorschoose.org/help/donor_contact_form.html

Description: DonorsChoose.org is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit website, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals choose projects to fund.

Award: A variety of materials and resources.

Eligibility: Full-time, "front-line" educators at public schools (i.e. classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors) are eligible to participate by submitting projects on DonorsChoose.org. Administrators, part-time educators, assistants or student teachers, staff developers, and volunteers are not eligible to request materials at DonorsChoose.org.

Deadline: Ongoing

ING Unsung Heroes awards

<https://unsungheroes.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Contact: (507) 931-1682, unsungheroes@scholarshipamerica.org

Description: Unsung Heroes has proven to be an A+ program with educators. The program's "alumni" have inspired success in the classroom and impacted countless numbers of students.

Award: 100 awards of \$2,000, with the top three receiving an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000

Eligibility: Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States and full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning. Applications must be verified by the school superintendent, principal, or applicant's immediate supervisor.

Deadline: April 30, 2016

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

<http://www.kinf.org/grants/>

Contact: 937.296.1230, info@kinf.org

Description: Kids In Need Foundation offers Teacher Grants for K-12 educators to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students.

Award: Grants range from \$100-\$500 each, and are used to fund creative classroom projects.

Eligibility: All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are eligible.

Deadline: September 30th (grant cycle opens in July 15th)

Note: Typically 200-300 grants are awarded each year.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

www.toolboxforeducation.com

Contact: info@toolboxforeducation.com

Description: Lowe's recognizes the importance of parent involvement in education. To empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools, we have established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents.

Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Any K-12 school or parent group with a group tax ID# or official 501(c)(3) status.

Deadline: Now closed, check website.

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grants

<http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm>

Contact: info@mgaef.org

Description: The Foundation supports curricula that empower and encourage students to become involved in solving environmental and social problems as informed decision makers through the emphasis and application of basic ecological principles.

Award: Grants of up to \$1,500 are offered each year.

Eligibility: Any organization is eligible to apply, will only provide funds to an organization not to an individual.

Deadline: Pre-proposal due August 12, 2016; full proposal due August 26, 2016

National Education Association Foundation Student Achievement Grants

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/>

Contact: Jesse Graytock, Grants Manager, (202) 822-7839, jgraytock@nea.org

Description: The NEA Foundation supports new ideas and practices to strengthen teaching and learning. Our goal is to fund and share successful strategies to educate and prepare students for bright and rewarding futures. We have learned that the best teaching methods come from our greatest assets: educators.

Award: Grants are \$2000 and \$5,000.

Eligibility: Applicants must be NEA members who are practicing; public school educators in grades PreK-12, public school education support professionals or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions. The NEA Foundation especially encourages grant applications from education support professionals (para-educators, school bus drivers, maintenance and custodial staff, food services staff, school nurses and student services workers, clerical and office assistants, school security officers, and technicians).

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time. Applications are reviewed three times per year, every year: Feb. 1st, June 1st, and Oct. 1st.

National Science Teachers Award Programs

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

Contact: Amanda Upton, NSTA Awards and Recognition Program liaison, (703)312-9217, awards@nsta.org

Description: Award grants for innovative science projects and additional grants given for teaching performance and plans in the field of science.

Award: 50 grants of up to \$10,000.

Eligibility: grant dependent

Deadline: now closed, check website for updated awards info

Oliver Foundation Grant

<http://www.oliverfoundation.com/?CFID=24870&CFTOKEN=c5f4a5839f521b73-30A8F1C8-5056-A801-050E8D75183D53E5>

Contact: (713) 862-7899, info@oliverfoundation.org

Description: The Oliver Foundation is a Houston-based 501(c) (3) non-profit operating foundation organization dedicated to the prevention of childhood obesity. We provide technical support, training, and nutrition and physical activity education materials to grant recipients. The level of technical support decreases yearly, creating a sustainable environment when the grant period ends.

Award: \$750 - \$3,000

Eligibility: The Oliver Foundation has new funding opportunities available for both summer programs and the school year that are directed toward the prevention of childhood obesity, and teach healthy eating habits and physical activity. Programs should be sustainable. The *Healthy Choices* grants are available for individual teachers, campus grade level and campus wide programs. Teachers, nurses, principals, health fitness and any campus staff member may apply. The goal of the Oliver Foundation is to encourage children, families and communities in Texas to improve the eating and physical activity patterns of Pre-School, Elementary and Middle School children. Grants will be awarded to Texas non-profit organizations, agencies and schools that demonstrate the greatest need and likelihood of sustainable impact on children's nutrition and activity levels through innovative programs.

Deadline: Rolling deadline applications: April 15, July 15, and October 15

Project Learning Tree Green Works! Grants

<https://www.plt.org//apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

Contact: Jackie Stallard, jstallard@plt.org, (202) 463-2475

Description: GreenWorks! grants engage Project Learning Tree educators and their students with their local community in "learning-by-doing" environmental projects. Student leadership, service-learning, and community participation are the cornerstones to GreenWorks! projects. These grassroots action projects enable schools and youth organizations across the country to make a positive impact on their communities.

Award: \$1,000

Eligibility: Check website Spring 2016

Deadline: Check website Spring 2016

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge

<http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/programs/the-siemens-competition-in-math-science-technology/>

Contact: (877) 822-5233, foundation.us@siemens.com

Description: The Siemens "We Can Change the World Challenge" is a sustainability challenge where students form teams, work with a teacher/mentor to identify an environmental issue in their community, research it, develop a plan, collect data, analyze that data, and share the results they've found so far.

Award: Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$100,000.

Eligibility: Teams of 2-3 High School students, each of whom is a U.S. resident enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school in the U.S, under the supervision of an adult.

Deadline: Deadlines vary

Note: There are three different challenges depending on grade level so visit the website to learn more!

Toshiba America Foundation Grants for Math and Science Teachers

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>

Contact: (212) 596-0620

Description: Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants support innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make their classrooms more exciting and successful for students.

Award: K-5 for \$1,000 or grades 6-12 up to \$5,000

Eligibility: Any teacher in a public or private school in the U.S. is eligible.

Deadline: K-5 due October 1 every year; Grades 6 - 12 ongoing less than \$5,000 on rolling basis; more than \$5000 due August 1st twice a year.

Whole Kids Foundation

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/index.php/schools/school-garden-grant-program>

Contact: info@wholekidsfoundation.org

Description: Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to growing healthier kids through better nutrition, one bite at a time. By supporting schools, we are able to reach hundreds of children and their educators at the same time while creating a community that places value on good food choices.

Award: Several grants to support garden and classroom projects: Healthy Kids Innovation Grant (\$15,000-\$25,000), Extended Learning Garden Grant (\$2,000), and U.S. School Garden Grant (\$2,000)

Eligibility: To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation. For cases in which an applicant facilitates garden projects in more than one school, multiple garden grants may be requested under a single application. In occasional cases, additional funds may be awarded for special projects. In selecting grant recipients, priority will be given to both limited-resource communities and to projects that demonstrate strong buy-in from stakeholders. There is a limit of one garden grant per school.
Deadline: October and December 2015, Check back Fall 2016

Youth Garden Grant

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2016-youth-garden-grant>

Contact: http://www.kidsgardening.org/contact_us

Description: Since 1982, National Gardening Association has awarded Youth Garden Grants to 5,416 schools, nonprofits, and youth programs across the United States contributing over 2.9 million dollars in funding to youth gardening initiatives.

Award: A total of 20 total programs will receive award packages valued over \$500 that include: tool package from Ames, seed sheet from Cloudfarm, \$100 gift certificate for plants from Bonnie Plants, natural cedar raised garden bed from Eartheasy (2' X 2' X 11"), Green Cycler and Worm Bomb from Ecotonix, seed donation from High Mowing Organic Seeds, drip irrigation starter kit from Rain Bird, Compost Sak from SmartPots, hose and sprayer set from Gardener's Supply, curriculum package from Kidsgardening.org including *The Growing Classroom*, *Growing Food*, and *Steps to a Bountiful Kids' Garden*.

Eligibility: The 2016 Youth Garden Grant is an award designed to support school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Any nonprofit, school, or youth program planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply. The selection of winners is based on demonstrated program impact and sustainability.

Deadline: Check website Fall 2016

Increase Your Green School Competition

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/green-your-school>

(check website for updates)

EPA Environmental Education Grants

<http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Contact: <http://www.epa.gov/education/forms/contact-us>

Description: Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.

Award: Grant dependent.

Eligibility: Applicants must represent one of the following types of organizations to be eligible for an environmental education grant; local education agency, state education or environmental agency, college or university, non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, noncommercial educational broadcasting entity, tribal education agency (which includes schools and community colleges controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation). Applicant organizations must be located in the United States or territories and the majority of the educational activities must take place in the United States; or in the United States and Canada or Mexico; or in the U.S. Territories.

Deadline: April 8, 2016, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

B. Texas Opportunities

Sites that list current grant opportunities:

<http://www.squaremeals.org/FandNResources/FundingGrants.aspx>

Texas Department of Agriculture Urban Schools Agricultural Grant Program

<http://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/TradeandBusinessDevelopment/UrbanSchoolsAgriculturalGrantProgram.aspx>

Contact: Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov

Description: The Urban Schools Agricultural Grant Program is an exciting agricultural-related program for urban elementary and middle public school pupils enrolled in districts with populations of 49,000 or more. The program helps improve students' understanding of agriculture through projects such as school vegetable gardens, which can provide lessons not only in horticulture, but also in water conservation and nutrition. Projects are limited only by the extent of an applicant's imagination.

Award: The program provides up to \$2,500 each for the funded elementary and middle schools' agricultural demonstration projects. Funding for these grants is sponsored in part by private donations.

Eligibility: Texas public elementary or middle school in an ISD with an enrollment of 49,000 or more; or non-profit organization that has the support of a Texas public elementary or middle school.

Deadline: The next grant cycle is anticipated for Spring 2016.

Grants that were closed without indications of re-opening but may be worth re-visiting

School or Community

Kroger Company Foundation

http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm

Nature of Learning Grant Program

http://actrees.org/what-we-do/grants-and-awards/funding/nature_of_learning_grant_program_offers_fundi/

Tom's of Maine Sponsorship Support for Community Projects

<http://www.tomsomaine.com/community-involvement/project-sponsorships.aspx>

School Only

Toyota Tapestry Grants

<http://tapestry.nsta.org/>

Christopher Columbus Awards

<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>