

Funding Sources for Community Gardens

Your community:

- Make sure the community knows what you are doing. They may donate or want to participate in another way. Contact community members/ groups, i.e. Rotary, Lions, Elks clubs, Boy/Girl Scouts, city council, etc.

Nurseries and gardening stores:

- Contact local nurseries and/ or gardening stores to see if they would donate seeds, seedlings, starter containers (if you plan to start seeds indoors).

Home Improvement centers:

- Consider Home Depot and Lowe's for donations or discounted prices on containers, soil/ compost, lumber, or other construction materials, i.e. hardware, landscape cloth, etc.

Corporate/ Organizational funding:

- <http://grassrootsfund.org/grants/>
New England Grassroots Environment Fund provides grants for community-based environmental work. Grants range from \$250-\$3500. Deadlines vary.
- www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens
Annie's Grants for Gardens provides grants to schools and other educational programs that help put children in direct contact with growing real food.
- <http://grants.kidsgardening.org/espoma-environmental-stewardship-home-gardener-award>
The Espoma Environmental Stewardship Award is provided annually by The National Gardening Association to five home gardeners nationwide who voluntarily demonstrate outstanding environmental practices and initiatives.
- <http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb>
Since its inception, Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provided over \$1.3 million to 125 community groups and helped to complete nine garden makeovers in the U.S. and Canada. This year 10 applicants will receive \$5000 in cash and tools to help support their goals in neighborhood beautification and horticulture education. You can apply online at the link above.
- [Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program](#)
The Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Proposals for planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities and development of community parks or green spaces (community gardens) are accepted. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.
- <http://kqi.org/sow-it-forward>
Sow It Forward is the grants and partnership program of Kitchen Gardeners International. The grant is for nonprofit causes (schools, churches, food pantries, community gardens, senior programs, etc.) interested in starting or expanding food garden projects that are of general benefit to their community. Grants are \$600.
- <http://communitygarden.org/learn/resources/funding-opportunities.php>
Check the American Community Garden Association website for updated lists of grant opportunities.