

Funding and Materials Resources for Community Gardens
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Grants

The following grants are only for non-profits or non-profit affiliates

- [Surdna Foundation](#), Sustainable Environments Program - (invitation only at this time)
- [Organic Valley](#), Farmers Advocating for Organics Fund (FAFO), \$5k - \$50k
- [Harry Chapin Foundation](#), Agriculture + Environmental Programs, Max \$10k
- [Ben + Jerry's Foundation](#), National Grassroots Grants Program, Max \$30k
- [Patagonia](#), Environmental Grants, \$5k - \$20k
- [Clif Family Foundation](#), Food + Environmental grants, \$5k-\$10k
- [Farm Aid](#), "Helping Farmers Thrive" and "Growing the Good Food Movement", Max \$10k
- [Food and Farm Communications Fund](#), Core Grants and Capacity Mini Grants
- [Green Mountain Energy Sun Club](#), Solar Installations
- [Seed Money](#), community and school gardens, \$100-\$500
 - Deadline in November annually
- [Simply Organic Giving Fund](#)
 - Applications accepted July1-Sept 30th annually
- [Gro More Grassroots Grant](#) - \$500-\$1000. Specifically for gardens working with youth.

School Garden Grants

- [Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Program](#), \$100-\$500 to purchase native seeds and plants
- [Melinda Gray Arcadia Environmental Foundation](#), Environmental Curriculum
- [Whole Foods, Whole Kids Foundation](#), Garden Grants Program, Max \$2k
- [Kidsgardening.org](#)
- [Annie's, Grants for Gardens](#)
- [Captain Planet Foundation](#)
- [Project Learning Tree, GreenWorks! Grants](#)
- [Bonnie, 3rd Grade Cabbage Program](#)
- [The Bee Cause, Honey Bee Hives in Schools](#)
- [American Heart Association Teaching Gardens Program](#)
- [Garden ABC's](#)
- [Captain Planet External Opportunities](#) An organized list of national funding options in categories such a pollinators, STEM, environmental education and more
- [Life Lab Healthy Fundraisers](#) List of healthy school fundraising options and Garden based funding
- [PA Department of Ag Farm to School Grant Program](#) - PreK- 5th grade, public, private and charter schools, up to \$15k reimbursement funds used by June 30th
- [Eden Hall Seeds of Change Conference](#) - Every spring schools are encouraged to attend the conference highlighting sustainable projects with mini grant opportunities

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Local Grant Opportunities

- Grow Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, [Community Garden Sustainability Fund](#)
 - Deadlines are Apr 1 and Sept 1 annually
- ioby, crowdfunding for community projects - [ioby.org/Pittsburgh](#)
- Love My Neighbor! Grant Program, Neighborhood Allies - for projects in the following neighborhoods: Allentown, Beltzhoover, Knoxville, Lincoln-Lemington, Larimer, Hill District, Homewood, Millvale, Wilkinsburg. [Lovemyneighborgrants.org](#)
- [Awesome Pittsburgh](#) - \$1,000 grants, apply online. Deadline is the last day of every month.
- [Champion Schools](#) award a mini-grant to programs that celebrate and reward schools for leading new or existing programs to improve children's health.
- Grounded Strategies - The Refresh Fund provides materials to existing greenspace projects. [www.lotstolove.org/refresh](#)
- Three Rivers Community Foundation - <https://www.trcfwpa.org/?p=8104>
- Sister St. Mark Garden Fund - \$250-500 <https://bit.ly/2022gardengrants>

Seed Donation Sources

If you are a non-profit (or have a non-profit partner) you can request seed donations from the following seed companies in the United States. Seeds are typically left over from the past season, and may not have a perfect germination rate. You can sometimes indicate flower seeds or food seeds in the request form. The optimal time to request seeds is in August-November.

- High Mowing Seeds - email donations@highmowingseeds.com
- Irish Eyes Garden Seeds - check website
- Johnny's Selected Seeds - form on website
- Seed Savers Exchange - form on website
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds - email seeds@rareseeds.com
- Harts - form on website

Seed & Seedling Sale Fundraisers

- Terrior Seeds
- Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
- Botanical Interests
- [Grow Pittsburgh Wholesale seedling](#)

Local Native Plant sources

- Audobon Society of Western PA, Beechwood Farms, 614 Dorseyville Road in Fox Chapel

- Ernst Seeds, ernstseed.com

Tree Planting Resource

The following organizations provide trees at projects with permanent land control.

- Treevitalize, Wester Pennsylvania Conservancy - for community tree plantings.
- Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
- American Chestnut Foundation
- Arbor Day Foundation