

## School Garden Grants

Whole Kids Foundation-Whole Foods

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

Project Orange Thumb

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb>

Kids Gardening-check this site for additional grants

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/>

Captain Planet Foundation

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

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community\\_food.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_food.html)

Home Depot Foundation

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

[http://www.lowes.com/cd\\_charitable+and+educational+foundation\\_936258779](http://www.lowes.com/cd_charitable+and+educational+foundation_936258779)

Lowe's Toolbox for education

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

American Heart Association

[http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities\\_UCM\\_316909\\_SubHomePage.jsp](http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities_UCM_316909_SubHomePage.jsp)

Annie's Homegrown

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

Annie's Garden Funder

[https://www.crowdrise.com/anniesgardenfunder?utm\\_source=annieswebsite&utm\\_medium=greenbuton&utm\\_campaign=fallgardenfunder2014](https://www.crowdrise.com/anniesgardenfunder?utm_source=annieswebsite&utm_medium=greenbuton&utm_campaign=fallgardenfunder2014)

## Local Sources of Funding

- AAPSEF (Ann Arbor Public School Educational Foundation)  
<http://aapsef.org/grants/>
- School specific fundraiser (examples: Haisley Edible Garden Dedication Stones; Burns Park Garden items such as \$10 bean tepees, \$25 shovels; King Elementary ask for items or monetary donations on their website)
- PTO (request a sustaining fund in annual budget)
- Family Donations

## Possible Discount Supplies

Agrarian Adventure (seedlings)

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

Project Grow (seedlings)

<http://projectgrowgardens.org/>

Lowe's, Home Depot, Downtown Home & Garden, Jack's Hardware, Stadium Hardware

## Tips on writing a grant proposal from O.C.R.A. Grant Writing Guide

For complete reference go to : <http://ocra4kids.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/OCRA-Grant-Guide.pdf>

**Finding Grants**-When using the internet to find grants, use key words to refine your search. School gardens can be funded through a variety of grants. Use keywords: school grant, garden grant, science curriculum grant, health grant, sustainability grant, teaching grant, urban/rural community grant, nature grants, etc.

**Read the Fine Print**-Every grant has some sort of list of guidelines, rules or procedures. Be sure to read them carefully (i.e., due dates, eligibility requirements). Check to see if your garden qualifies.

**Choosing the Right Sized Grant**- Grants come in all different sizes. Grants can range from \$100 to \$20,000! Larger grants involve longer and more complicated applications/proposals and can be more competitive. Smaller grants have simpler application procedures and are commonly found online. You might want to start with smaller grants first.

**Know your Audience**-Most grants will state their mission, objective, or criteria for choosing grant recipients. Pay special attention to this section because it tells you what you need to put in your application in order to win the grant.

**Be Specific**-When answering the questions in the application or when writing your proposal, be specific. Include examples and details describing your objective, how you would ensure success of your program, what you would do with the money, etc.

**Save Everything**-Not all grant applications are the same. Some are submitted online, some must be mailed in, and many require or allow "artifacts," such as photos, video, or letters of support. Be sure to keep documentation of your program's journey. Take lots of photos, save newspaper articles about your program, keep a garden journal, etc. Once you have completed your grant proposal, be sure to save it. Since grants often ask for similarly formatted proposals, you could use the same grant proposal and submit it to several different grants by making a few revisions.

**Don't Give Up**- Just because you get turned down for one grant doesn't mean that you should throw away that proposal and start over. Your project might not be a good fit for one grant committee, but could be perfect for another. The more grants you apply for, the more likely you will find success!

Good Luck!