



Community Gardening Grant Opportunities

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Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF)

Synopsis:

Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) invests in effective Central Indiana not-for-profit organizations that promote a thriving community. We are committed to providing support to a diverse group of not-for-profit organizations that improve quality of life for residents in the region.

Our investments enable organizations to provide effective programs and respond to the needs of people in the neighborhoods and communities they serve.

CICF funding priorities include:

Quality of Life

- Increase access to nutritious food.
- Protect children from abuse and neglect.
- Increase access to health care services for low income and vulnerable populations.
- Remove barriers to achieving economic self-sufficiency, such as lack of child care and transportation.
- Increase life skills that leads to increased independence.

Education

- Improve student academic achievement and promote post-secondary access and success of low-income youth.
- Provide job readiness, training, and educational opportunities that increase the wages and assets of low-skilled individuals.
- Promote sustained and integrated learning opportunities that combine arts instruction alongside of other core academic subject matter.

Vitality of the Community

- Provide safe and affordable housing and support services for vulnerable populations.
- Activities that increase safety of residents and their neighborhoods by reducing risk factors.
- Improve physical spaces for community benefit.

Connectivity of Neighborhoods

- Increase the connectivity, vitality and attractiveness of neighborhoods and communities.
- Engage and involve neighborhood residents in community-building and community change.
- Provide opportunities for young people to become productive citizens

Promote Community Assets

- Promote diversity awareness, understanding and appreciation for differences in our community.

- Introduce and engage residents and visitors to the cultural amenities in the region.
- Preserve existing natural spaces and resources.

Link:

<https://www.cicf.org/grantseekers/grants/>

Summary:

Eligibility:

501(c)3 organizations in Marion and Hamilton counties or in the Central Indiana region as determined by the specific fund.

Application Details:

Online application

Timeline:

Proposals Accepted	Staff Review	Grant making Boards Review Requests	Notification
March 1 - March 31	April - October	May - November	By December
October 1 - October 31	November - April	March - September	By October

Awards:

Grant award amounts vary by fund.

Fit:

Types of support include:

- program support;
- general operating support; and,
- capacity building.

Other Important Information:

1. All funding request should begin by contacting your Community Investment Officer
2. Next, funding proposals should be submitted using a link to the online grant system located in the grantseekers portion of www.cicf.org.
3. Specific deadline information for The Indianapolis Foundation and Legacy Fund is provided in the table below. Funding proposals for The Indianapolis Foundation and Legacy Fund are ONLY accepted during two months of the year.

Contact Information

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Finish Line Legacy Grant

Synopsis:

The Youth Foundation is a philanthropic outlet for Finish Line to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities it serves. Through the years, the Youth Foundation has fine-tuned its mission and grown its philanthropic presence including its grant giving capacity.

To date, the Youth Foundation has awarded more than \$14.5 million in funding to support youth and Special Olympics athletes across the country. The generosity of our customers who donate online and in-store is what enables Finish Line to continually make an impact in the communities where our employees live, work and play.

Link:

<http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/youthfoundation.jsp>

Summary:

Eligibility:

Organizations that provide opportunities for kids to participate in community-based youth athletic programs and camps that emphasize active lifestyles, especially programs that serve disadvantaged and special needs kids.

Organizations providing opportunities for participation for kids and young adults age 18 and under.

Organizations whose activities provide direct services to individuals and produce tangible results, rather than those that are policy oriented.

The potential impact of the program/project and the number of people who will benefit.

The organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications.

The ability of an organization to obtain necessary additional funding to implement a program or project and to provide ongoing funding after the term of the grant is expired.

Programs operating near Finish Line stores.

Application Details:

Online application.

Timeline:

GRANTS APPLICATION PERIOD	REVIEW PERIOD	GRANTS AWARDED BY
Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Apr. – May	June 1
Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	Jul. - Aug.	September 1
Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Oct. - Nov.	December 1
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	Jan. - Feb.	March 1

Awards:

Up to \$75,000

Other Important Information:

This foundation will not make grants to:

- Organizations not currently exempt from federal taxation under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Public and private schools.
- State-funded organizations.
- Parent teacher organizations.
- Political campaigns, or attempts to influence public office.
- Organizations that unlawfully discriminate as to race, religion, income, gender, disability, or national origin.
- Projects or programs aimed at promoting the teachings of a particular church or religious denomination, or construction projects of churches or other religious institutions.
- Fraternal, veterans or labor organizations.
- Foundations affiliated with a for-profit entity.
- Endowments.
- Organizations for on-going operating support.
- Startup organizations or programs.
- Reduce debt.
- Beauty or talent contests.
- Individuals.
- Sponsor teams, special events or fundraising activities.
- Medical, scientific or academic research.
- Pay for travel or trips.

Contact Information

Finish Line Youth Foundation

3308 N. Mitthoeffer Road

Indianapolis, IN 46235

317-899-1022x6741

Email correspondence can be sent to:

Youthfoundation@finishline.com

Staff

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SIA Foundation

Synopsis:

The SIA Foundation is committed to making gifts to qualifying organizations, institutions or entities within Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help to meet the needs of the residents of the State of Indiana.

The SIA Foundation achieves this mission through grants, which are used to support the funding of specific capital projects in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education, and Health and Welfare.

Funding must be used for investments in *facilities, equipment or real estate* (non-operating expenses)

Idea: could be used for the walk-in cooler or hood system.

Capital Grants

The SIA Foundation Inc. is committed to making gifts to non-profit 501(c)3 organizations, institutions, or entities within Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help meet the needs of the residents of the State of Indiana. The Foundation achieves this mission through cash grants which are used to support the funding of specific capital projects in the areas of:

- Arts and Culture
- Education
- Health and Welfare

Link:

<http://subaru-sia.wix.com/sia-foundation>

Awards:

Grant requests must be for \$1,000 or more, with a maximum requested amount of \$10,000

Monsanto Fund

Synopsis:

The Fund works to substantially and meaningfully improve people's lives around the world. As the philanthropic arm of Monsanto, we're focused on one goal – strengthening both farming communities and the communities where we live and work.

Grants are provided in the following areas:

K-12 Education

We focus primarily on K-12 Education. Examples of areas of investments are schools, libraries, science centers, and academic enrichment programs.

Critical Needs

We meet critical needs in communities with a priority on projects which focus on hunger and nutrition in a number of ways. Examples of areas of investment are support of local United Ways, projects focused on hunger, nutrition and first responders.

Link:

<http://www.monsantofund.org>

Timeline:

Applications are accepted one time per year. Grant seekers can apply January 1 – February 28.

Access to the online grant application will close at 11:59:59pm CT on February 28. No grants will be accepted after the window has closed.

Awards:

Generally, U.S. Site grants don't exceed \$20,000. The average grant is around \$10,000.

Nature's Path Gardens for Good Grant Program

Synopsis:

The Nature's Path Gardens for Good Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations with organic garden projects in the U.S. and Canada.

Organizations submit an essay describing their communities' need for organic food and how their garden projects will provide accessible, healthy foods.

Nature's Path chooses three winners each year (two in the U.S. and one in Canada) to receive a \$15,000 cash grant from Nature's Path as well as technical design and production mentorship provided by Organic Gardening magazine.

Link:

<http://us.naturespath.com/about/movements/gardens-for-good>

Awards:

Grants of \$15,000 are provided.

Nature Works Everywhere: Grants for K-12 Schools

Synopsis:

“We are awarding grants to support projects that implement green infrastructure to address local environmental challenges. These include: access to healthy food, air quality, heat island effect, climate change, and storm water collection. Young people will work as social innovators to help their communities through project design and implementation.

“Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to 60 public or charter schools across the United States. See the [detailed grant description](#) linked on this page for full requirements, guidelines, important dates, and online application information. Samples of an [application](#), an [applicant commitment letter](#), and an [administration letter of support](#) are also available.

“Applications must be submitted online by 5 PM ET November 3, 2017.”

Link:

<https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/grants/>

Timeline

Grant application due November 3, 2017

Awards:

Grants of \$2,000 are provided.

Last Updated: 10/5/2017

New Earth Foundation

Synopsis:

New Earth Foundation envisions greater wisdom in handling human affairs, an increased understanding of other cultures, and the willingness to cooperate.

It is New Earth Foundation's mission and delight to fund innovative, humanitarian projects according to the vision of New Earth Foundation, from community efforts that create models of social sustainability, to educational innovations that prepare youth to be future socially responsible leaders; from strategies that offer economic advances, to environmental initiatives that curb pollution and save the planet's precious resources and earth's natural biosphere.

New Earth Foundation seeks to fund innovative projects that enhance life on our planet and brighten the future. Smaller, newer 501(c)(3) organizations are the focus of grants given, so that the foundation's gift can make a more significant contribution to the work of the recipient organization.

The grants given by NEF support a wide variety of projects in many fields of endeavor, including but not limited to environmental initiatives that are working to help eliminate pollution and to save the planet's ecosystems, community efforts that create models of social sustainability, educational innovations that prepare youth to become the socially responsible leaders of the future, and strategies that offer economic improvement and opportunities.

NEF particularly appreciates projects that are replicable so that excellent ideas and work can multiply and benefit many.

Link:

<http://www.newearthfoundation.org>

Timeline:

LOI: February 1 and July 1, annually

Application: May 1 and October 1, annually

Awards:

Average Grant: \$5,000

DuPont Pioneer Giving Program

Synopsis:

The DuPont Pioneer Giving Program primarily supports efforts to improve the quality of life in the communities where the company's customers and employees live and work, including international locations.

The company supports programs and projects in the following areas:

- **PreK to 12 education** (e.g., support of literacy programs, science fairs, supplies for science classrooms, teaching gardens and greenhouses, support of local FFA and 4H programs)
- **Food security** (e.g., support of school to home backpack meal programs, food banks, rural meal delivery, congregate meal programs, meals on wheels programs, community gardens)
- **Community betterment** (e.g., programs and projects that create sustainable infrastructure to benefit communities in which our employees and customers live and work)

Link:

<http://www.pioneer.com/home/site/about/business/pioneer-giving/>

Timeline:

Contact the local DuPont Pioneer representative for deadline information.

Awards:

Grants of up to \$5,000

Fiskars Project Orange Thumb

Synopsis:

Project Orange Thumb, sponsored by Fiskars, provides tools and resources to help communities reach their goals for collaboration, neighborhood beautification, and healthy, sustainable food sources.

In order to be eligible for a Project Orange Thumb grant, the garden initiative must be for a not-for-profit or 501(c)(3) organization within North America that has not received a Project Orange Thumb grant in the past. The Project Orange Thumb team looks for organizations committed to the long-term success of gardens that will promote healthy and sustainable food sources, community collaboration and neighborhood beautification.

Examples of new garden initiatives and garden expansion initiatives Project Orange Thumb has supported in the past:

- Gardens that grow produce for school meal programs
- Gardens created to increase environmental and agricultural education in the community
- Gardens donating produce to hunger relief programs
- Gardens for nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and related facilities
- Gardens created to aid in healthy eating and lifestyle educational programs

Link:

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

Timeline:

February application deadline

Awards:

\$3,500 in cash and tools

Whole Kids Foundation: School Garden Grant Program

Synopsis:

The Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting schools and inspiring families to improve children's nutrition and wellness.

Created in partnership with FoodCorps, the School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to a K-12 school, or a non-profit working in partnership with a K-12 school, to support a new or existing edible garden on school grounds.

Link:

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

Timeline:

Applications due October 31, annually

Awards:

Grants of \$2,000 are provided

Herb Society of America Grant Programs

Synopsis:

The Herb Society of America's mission is to promote the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.

The Society offers the following funding opportunities:

- **Grant for Educators**
This program supports innovative projects that enhance herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in any public forum.
- **Research Grants**
This program supports students, professionals, and individuals engaged in research on the horticultural, scientific, and/or social applications or use of herbs throughout history.
- **Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grants**
This program provides grants to start herb gardens to third- through sixth-grade teachers throughout the country.

Link:

<http://www.herbsociety.org/support/grants-scholarships/>

Timeline:

Varies by program

Awards:

Varies by program

National Gardening Association Grant Programs

Synopsis:

The mission of the National Gardening Association (NGA) is to promote home, school, and community gardening as a means to renew and sustain the essential connections between people, plants, and the environment.

NGA offers a number of grant and award programs for nonprofit organizations and schools nationwide.

Youth Garden Grant

Since 1982, National Gardening Association has awarded Youth Garden Grants to 5,436 schools, nonprofits, and youth programs across the United States contributing over 2.9 million dollars in funding to youth gardening initiatives.

The 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.

Link:

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org>

Timeline:

Varies by program

Awards:

Varies by program

Youth Garden Grant:

A total of 20 total programs will receive award packages valued over \$500

Samerian Foundation

Synopsis:

Founded in 2003, the Samerian Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the vision of Cindy and Paul Skjodt, the founders. They seek to enhance the quality of life by providing funds through a grant making process for education, economic development, health, youth sports, community organizations meeting the needs of the underserved, and humanitarian projects. Though the Samerian Foundation primarily serves Central Indiana, it has taken part in some international endeavors and have reached outside the state on special projects. The Samerian Foundation is the philanthropic vehicle of the Skjodts' generosity. The Samerian Foundation is lovingly named after Cindy and Paul's children, Samantha, Erik, and Ian, who serve on the board.

Link:

<http://www.samerianfoundation.org/our-story/>

Summary:

Samerian Foundation, Inc.

9650 Commerce Dr., Ste. 532

Carmel, IN United States 46032-8512

Telephone: (317) 802-9220

Eligibility:

Focusing on disadvantaged youth, education, youth sports, poverty and hunger prevention, medical and health care programs, community development, the environment, building strong families, the advancement of human rights & social needs, and the arts.

Application Details:

Apply online:

<http://www.samerianfoundation.org/forms/apply-online/>

Timeline:

The Board meets on a quarterly basis to decide where monies will go.

Sow True Seed Donation Program

Sow True Seed supports community gardens, educational enterprises and gardens that give. Our aim is to provide excellent quality, open-pollinated seeds so that we can empower communities to grow more food.

Every year we donate thousands of packets of seeds. Our hope is that these seeds fulfill their destinies by reaching fertile soil and caring hands. We have provided seed donations to organizations and schools near and far.

The seeds we donate are often packed for the previous year. While we cannot guarantee the germination rates, we donate them in good faith and believe the seeds to be viable. Many kinds of seeds when stored properly can last up to 5 or more years. While we want to sell the most viable seed packed for the current year, we end up with a lot left from the year before. What better use could these seeds have than to provide food and learning opportunities for our community and communities around the country, or even the world?

If you are interested in receiving a seed donation from Sow True Seed then please fill out the form below. This program is extremely popular and we appreciate your understanding in helping us to streamline the process.

Donation Program Application:

November - Deadline for submitting the donation application form.

<https://sowtrueseed.com/donation-program/>

Annie's Grants for School Gardens

Annie's Grants for Gardens

1610 Fifth Street
Berkeley, CA
94710

Phone: 510-558-7500

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

Eligibility Requirements:

Public schools; public charter schools; private schools with 501c3 non-profit status; private charter schools with 501c3 non-profit status; 501c3 or charity non-profit organizations supporting a garden at a public or a non-profit private school; school districts supporting a garden at a public or a non-profit private school; homeschools with 501c3 or charity status

Application Deadlines:

December

Areas of Interest:

Annie's Grants for Gardens are provided to K-12 school gardens nationwide that connect children directly to real food.

Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships

Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation: Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships

9801 Washingtonian Boulevard
Gaithersburg, MD
20878

Phone: 615-320-3149

Email: StopHunger@applyists.com

Url: <http://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>

Type of Organization: Foundation

Eligibility Requirements:

Individuals ages 5 - 25

Application Deadlines:

Applications are accepted from October 5 through December 5, annually.

Areas of Interest:

The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships, funded by the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, recognize students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models and solutions to eliminate hunger in America.

Applicants must have demonstrated ongoing commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States within the last 12 months. Additional consideration is given to students working to fight childhood hunger.

Students selected as national STOP Hunger Scholarship recipients receive a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as a \$5,000 grant made in their name to the hunger-related charity of their choice in their local community.

Scholarships are open to students (kindergarten through graduate school) enrolled at an accredited educational institution in the United States.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines and the online application process are available on the Foundation's website when the application cycle is open.

Schoolyard Garden Grants

Garden Grant Process - How to Apply

Schools can design their own garden, enhance an existing garden, or better use an existing garden through the purchase of equipment, plants, or curriculum. This proposal invites you to use your creativity and knowledge about gardening to tailor the request for your specific needs.

Form a team. A team is a minimum of 2 persons and a maximum of 5, at least one of whom teaches some science. The team will designate a *Team Leader* who must be tenured and will be the contact person for the team and the administrator of the grant money. The project team may include educators of any discipline or administrators. The team must have the support of the principal, head building engineer and a parent or community member (see forms at end of application).

Complete the application. A team of teachers, master gardeners, staff and faculty of the University of Minnesota will evaluate proposals. Criteria for judging applications include, but are not limited to: innovative integration of garden use into multiple disciplines, a clear understanding of the implications of managing a garden at a school site, a plan to involve stakeholders in creating and maintaining the garden, a plan to involve many students in outdoor learning, and a knowledgeable garden plan.

Application deadline is in December.

<http://monarchlab.org/education-and-gardening/gardening-for-monarchs/garden-grants>

Katie's Krops Grant

Katie's Krops

P.O. Box 1841
Summerville, SC
29484 -1841

Phone: 843-327-3366

Url: <http://katieskrops.com/>

Primary Contact:

Ms. Katie Stagliano

Additional Contact Information:

Facebook: [Katie's Krops](#)

Twitter: [@KatiesKrops](#)

Geographic Scope:

National

Type of Organization: Other Sources

Total Annual Giving: Not Available

Eligibility Requirements:

Children ages 9 to 16

Application Deadlines:

Applications are accepted from October 1 through December 31, annually.

Areas of Interest:

The mission of Katie's Krops is to empower youth to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and donate the harvest to help feed people in need in their communities, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same.

Youth selected as Katie's Krops Growers will be awarded a gift card to a garden center in their area (up to \$500) and support from the Katie's Krops team.

The grower(s) must donate the entire harvest from the garden to people in need in their community.

A child, or a group of children, can apply as long as they fall within the age range of 9 to 16 and live in the United States.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines are available on the website listed above.

Celebrate Birds Mini-Grants

Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grant Program

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Phone: 607-254-2455

Fax: 607-254-2111

Email: urbanbirds@cornell.edu

Url: <http://celebrateurbanbirds.org/community/minigrants/>

Grant Range: \$100 - \$750

Eligibility Requirements:

Community organizations, educators, and youth

Application Deadlines:

December 31, annually

Areas of Interest:

Celebrate Urban Birds at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology provides mini-grants to community organizations, educators, and youth throughout the United States to hold neighborhood events.

We invite organizations, educators, and youth to apply for mini-grants to help fund creative neighborhood events. Proposals should integrate the arts, greening, and Celebrate Urban Birds citizen science. Yes, the project's 10-minute data collection activity is required. We hope these community events, or series of activities, will be creative and inspire others to organize similar projects. They do not need to be complicated.

All mini-grant applicants are offered free materials and training to support their events (even if their proposals are not funded). Organizations working with underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. No experience with birding needed.

Mini-grants range from \$100 to \$750.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines are available on the Celebrate Urban Birds website. Applications must be submitted online.

Herman's Garden Seed Donation Program

Herman's Garden Seed Donation Program

Each year, Seed Savers Exchange donates seeds to hundreds of organizations and gardens in need through its Herman's Garden Seed Donation Program. Groups that qualify for seed donations include:



- Community and educational groups who will freely share the harvest
- Community and educational groups who will save seed for others in need
- Non-profits, schools, community gardens, and educational programs

Due to customs restrictions and shipping costs, seeds cannot be shipped outside of the United States. Requests from individuals or from projects where seed or resulting produce will be sold are not eligible.

Donations are mailed within 4-6 weeks and include a variety of seeds based on supply. As seeds may have been stored in a wide variety of conditions, it's recommended to plant the seeds within one year.

<http://southeastee.org/resource/about.aspx?s=123095.0.0.22>

Monarch Watch

Free Milkweeds for Restoration Projects

Update

As a result of generous grants, Monarch Watch distributed over 205,000 milkweeds for restoration projects from Fall 2015 through Fall 2016.

We are actively seeking more funding sources to distribute milkweed for restoration projects in the entire eastern US. **Completing an application is not a guarantee that we will have free milkweeds for each ecoregion.** It will help us determine interest so that we may pursue funding and seed sources. Once all factors are in place, free milkweed will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Guidelines

Free milkweeds are for large-scale native habitat restoration only. Habitat restoration is defined as the practice of renewing and restoring degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystems and habitats. Gardens or landscaped areas do not qualify as restoration. The portion of property where milkweed will be planted must be a minimum of two acres in area. Our recommendation for ideal monarch habitat is planting milkweed in patches of 3-4 plants, 10-13 patches per acre. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a land management plan, and that other nectar sources are either pre-existing or are included in the new planting. We recommend against planting large quantities of milkweed in a small area. The application is currently open to all ecoregions in the eastern half of the U.S. Our hope is that we will secure seed and funding for all of these ecoregions.

Monarch Watch reserves the right to determine whether an applicant qualifies for free milkweed, based on the restrictions of the various funding sources.

Plug Specifications

Milkweed plugs are propagated in two types of flats, either 32-cell flats with a shallow well or 50-cell flats with a deep well. The minimum award is four flats. The amount of the award is dependent on funding, supply and demand, and our goal to distribute milkweeds widely across the entire monarch range. Recipients should consider the time and effort it takes to grow large numbers of seedlings to maturity. Requests for more than 2,000 plants will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Shipping

Recipients will be responsible for shipping and handling costs, which are modest compared the value of the plants. For most shipments, 200 plants cost \$40-\$60 to ship via UPS Ground, (20-30 cents per plant).

Freight charges for pallets vary by carrier and distance travelled, but are usually in line with the UPS rates.

Most orders will be shipped UPS Ground on Monday or Tuesday only. Expedited shipping is available for an added cost.

Large quantities (2,000+ plants) will be palletized and shipped via freight or on racks in nursery trucks. A dock and pallet jack or forklift will need to be available at the delivery address.

Species Available

Recipients will receive plants grown pesticide-free, from seed collected within their ecoregion. The species offered will depend on seed availability. The following is a generalized list of species typically available to Monarch Watch in various regions. Monarch Watch only distributes plants that are considered native to the recipient's location. For example, we would not distribute *Asclepias asperula* to N.E. Oklahoma, because it is not found there. *A. viridis* would be appropriate. (This is not a list of all of the native plants found in each of those regions.)

Midwest species:

Asclepias syriaca (Common Milkweed)
Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Milkweed)
Asclepias incarnata (Swamp Milkweed)
Asclepias verticillata (Whorled Milkweed)

Texas/Oklahoma species:

Asclepias asperula (Antelopehorn Milkweed, Spider Milkweed)
Asclepias viridis (Green Antelopehorn Milkweed)

Gulf Coast species:

Asclepias incarnata (Swamp Milkweed)
Asclepias perennis (Aquatic Milkweed)

Midgrass and short grass prairie species:

Asclepias speciosa (Showy Milkweed)
Asclepias syriaca (Common Milkweed)

Milkweed Images

Images of most of these species can be found in our [Milkweed Profiles](#)

Application

Please read the guidelines above before proceeding to the [2017 Free Milkweed Application](#).

<http://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-for-restoration-projects/>

National Wildlife Federation Tree Grants

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) provides free native tree seedlings to NWF partners who in turn plant them through local restoration projects or community tree giveaway events. Tree giveaway events typically involve distributing seedlings to individuals (often students) that will plant the trees and care for them at home.

NWF partners must have a plan to care for the trees after planting. NWF partners include NWF Affiliates, Eco-Schools, Schoolyard Habitats and Community Wildlife Habitats. Through this effort, NWF and its partners are creating wildlife habitat, connecting people (especially kids) with nature and educating students and citizens about the critical role trees play in our communities for both wildlife and humans.

Please read the Guidelines then apply online.

Applications are no longer being accepted on a rolling basis. We are not accepted applications for fall 2016, but NWF is accepting applications for spring 2017 tree planting and giveaway events. The deadline for spring 2017 applications is February 10, 2017. We will accept applications for events taking place between April 1st and June 15th 2017. If you live in a southern climate where it is appropriate to plant trees before April 1st, please email us at trees@nwf.org.

<https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/About/Tree-Bank-Information.aspx>

Communities Take Root Grants

COMMUNITIES TAKE ROOT



The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation and Dreyer's Fruit Bars are planting orchards across the country in a collaborative program called "Communities Take Root," and your town could be next! We invite your community to apply for this exciting opportunity to grow fresh fruit, beautify neighborhoods, strengthen relationships and build community food security—all through the simple act of planting fruit trees. In 2011, twenty communities won orchards for public parks, community gardens, food banks, homeless shelters, and community centers.

FTPF is currently accepting the first 100 qualified applications for the next round of the program, which involves a public online vote to select the final recipients.* FTPF provides all plants, related materials and equipment, community workshops and training, and our team will work with your community volunteers to install the orchard. Recipients must have the appropriate space and commitment to the orchard to qualify. **Download our application here and submit via email only.**



**Schools are not eligible to apply, but please visit www.ftpf.org for information about our Fruit Tree 101 school orchard program.*

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

Fruit Tree 101 Grants

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation: Fruit Tree 101

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Grant Details:

Tree donations are provided.

Eligibility Requirements:

K-12 public schools

Application Deadlines:

None

Areas of Interest:

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation is dedicated to planting edible, fruitful trees and plants to benefit the environment and all its inhabitants.

The Foundation's Fruit Tree 101 program brings fruit tree orchards to K-12 public schools throughout the U.S. to provide generations of students with environmental education opportunities and a source of organic fruit for improved school lunch nutrition.

Orchard donations involve, on average, about 12 to 20 trees minimum to public 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.

Note: The Foundation also donates orchards to nonprofit organizations and government agencies to enhance community gardens, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, etc. Visit the Foundation's website for more information.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines and forms are available on the Foundation's website.

Awesome Food \$1,000 Microgrants

Awesome Food continues to [accept applications](#) to further food awesomeness in the universe through monthly \$1,000 microgrants. Anyone [can apply](#). And we interpret food in its broadest possible way, so use your imagination. The questions are simple and direct.

Every month, one microgrant will be given for an awesome idea involving food, be it urban farming, food truck, recipe collects, pop-up cafes, or health. The more inventive the better. The ideas must relate to food in some form, and the definition will be more inclusive than exclusive. Examples could include educating the public about DIY-farming, creating an ad-hoc eatery in a subway car, or recording videos of immigrants' recipes.

So what's the Awesome Foundation?

The Awesome Foundation originally started in Boston in 2009 and has since grown to be a worldwide network of people with nearly 20 chapters in cities across the world, including San Francisco, NYC, Ottawa, London, Berlin, Sydney, Zurich, among others. Most chapters are geographically focused. But food is topic focused.

<http://www.awesomefood.net/>

UNFI Foundation

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Url: <http://www.unfifoundation.org>

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Procedures & Deadlines:

Requests are reviewed three times per year. Visit the Foundation's website for specific deadline dates.

Areas of Interest:

The UNFI Foundation funds nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. that support the development of healthy, organic foods and food practices, and the health of our planet.

The focus is on organizations that work to:

- increase organic agriculture;
- provide research and science to develop organic farming practices;
- protect the biodiversity of our seed supply and the stewardship of genetic resources of organic seed;
- teach organic farming practices that promote conservation of resources; and,
- foster the next generation of organic farmers.

Grants are not provided to/for:

- conferences;
- individuals;
- religious organizations;
- international organizations or projects;
- political organizations or campaigns;
- endowment requests;
- capital campaigns building construction projects; or,
- governmental agencies.

Kids Gardening: 2018 Youth Garden Grant

Synopsis:

“Since 1982, KidsGardening has awarded Youth Garden Grants to 5456 schools, nonprofits, and youth programs across the United States contributing over 2.9 million dollars in funding to youth gardening initiatives. The 2018 Youth Garden Grant is sponsored by KidsGardening’s generous donor base with contributions from leading companies in the horticulture industry: Dramm Corporation, Eartheasy, Fiskars Brands Inc., Gardener’s Supply Company, Growers Supply Company, High Mowing Organic Seeds, JavaCycle, and Smart Pots.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

“The 2018 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 organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States 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.”

Link:

<https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/grants/>

Timeline

Grant application due December 8, 2017

Awards:

Grants of \$600 to \$1600 are awarded.

Last Updated: 10/5/2017

Johnny Seeds Charitable Giving

Synopsis:

Each year Johnny's contributes to educational, agricultural, and horticultural programs and events, as well as local community efforts.

Help Us Help You Make a Difference

Our mission is helping families, friends, and communities to feed one another by providing superior seeds, tools, information, and service. Each year, Johnny's Selected Seeds additionally provides financial support to national and local agricultural, educational, and horticultural programs, events, and efforts in service to our mission.

Link:

<http://www.johnnyseeds.com/about-us/charitable-giving/charitable-giving.html>

Timeline

Rolling Application

Awards:

Unknown

Last Updated: 10/30/2017