

GRANTS & RESOURCES LIST
Compiled by Partnerships for Parks
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Deadlines: February 1, 2012

Partnerships for Parks Capacity Fund Grant

PFP's Capacity Fund makes grants to community groups working in NYC parks to strengthen groups' outreach, membership, and program-planning capacity. Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

Please visit [our website](#) to find an application, guidelines, and [examples of past projects](#). For more information, contact (212) 676-1929 or channaly.philipp@parks.nyc.gov.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to register for a grant consultation on either:

January 9, 2012 – 6 pm

January 12, 2012 – 2 pm

January 18, 2012 – 12:30 pm

The deadline for the following grant cycle is June 1, 2012.

Deadline: ongoing

ioby.org

Do you have an environmental project for your neighborhood that could use some love? Does your project need funding or volunteers? Do you have a community garden that needs some plants and flowers? Do you have a vision for a green roof or clean energy on the roof of your community center or school? Is there an abandoned lot in your neighborhood that could use attention? Do you want to organize some friends to pick up trash in the park where your pets and children play every day?

If you have an environmental project that is in a local NYC neighborhood that needs funding or volunteers, apply to post your project on [ioby.org](#). ioby stands for “in our backyards” and through a web platform connects donors and volunteers to environmental projects in their neighborhoods.

To post a project, just go to [ioby.org/idea](#), create a username and password and fill out the online application. For more information about what makes an ioby project, check out our [criteria](#) and our [tips](#) for applying. If you have questions please contact Helen Ho at helen@ioby.org or 917-464-4515 x3.

Visit [ioby.org](#) to get started. Hablamos español. Contáctenos a 917-464-4515.

Deadline: January 13, 2012

National Environmental Education Foundation Offers Funding for Volunteer Groups Serving Public Lands

The [National Environmental Education Foundation](#), with funding from [Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.](#) offers Every Day Grants to support nonprofit organization volunteers working to improve and encourage responsible use of public land sites in the United States. These organizations are sometimes known as "friends group."

To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or have an eligible fiscal agent; have been in existence for at least two years; be a community-based organization whose mission is focused on serving a public land site in the United States and the improvement and responsible use of that site (this includes groups that serve more than one site, such as a regional group of parks); and have an established collaborative relationship with a local public land site (including federal, state, regional, county, city, and other local public land areas) for at least one year.

Successful applicants will describe a needed, well-planned, realistic, and replicable project; demonstrate that the project will contribute to the long-term sustainability of the organization; and demonstrate that the project will strengthen the organization's ability to serve the public land site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: January 15, 2012

Action for Nature Invites Entries for International Young Eco-Hero Awards

[Action for Nature](#), an international environmental organization working to encourage young people to take personal action to nurture and protect the environment, is accepting applications for the International Young Eco-Hero Awards program.

The awards are designed to recognize the individual accomplishments of young people between the ages of 8 and 16 whose personal actions have significantly improved the environment. Youth from anywhere in the world may apply.

Cash prizes of up to \$500 each will be awarded to youth for their outstanding accomplishments in environmental advocacy, environmental health, environmental research, or protection of the natural world. To be eligible, projects must be action-based and self-initiated (not assigned by a teacher or other adult) and must have reached a significant stage or been completed within the last year. Complete program guidelines, the application form, and information on previous award recipients

are available at the Action for Nature Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadlines: January 15, May 31, September 30

Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities

The mission of the [Captain Planet Foundation](#) is to promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities.

Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools, and to inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The foundation will fund unique and innovative projects that do not precisely match the grant guidelines but otherwise promote the foundation's mission of hands-on environmental activities.

The foundation makes grants to United States-based schools and nonprofit environmental and educational organizations with annual operating budgets of less than \$3 million.

Preferential consideration is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50 percent matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activities.) The foundation will on occasion consider grants of up to \$2,500.

Visit the CPF Web site for complete program guidelines and the application form.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: January 31, 2012

Citizens Committee for New York City -- New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Awards

[New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods grants](#) are awarded for creative community projects that bring neighbors together to improve their neighborhoods. Eligible groups can receive a grant of \$500-\$3,000, one-on-one project planning assistance, enrollment in skills-building workshops, and access to an equipment loan library.

Note on Playstreets: Through the New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods grants, CCNYC is offering up

to \$3,000 to local community groups planning to operate Playstreets in 2012. The monies can be used for equipment, programming, volunteers, etc. to engage students and promote an active environment. See the website for grant application details.

Deadline: January 31, 2012

Citizens Committee for New York City -- Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your School Awards

Citizens Committee awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to support student-led projects that beautify schools or neighborhoods immediately surrounding schools. [Check in November for an application.](#)

Deadline: January 31, 2012

Youth Service America Invites Nominations of Powerful and Influential Young Activists

In celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary, [Youth Service America](#) has announced the launch of the inaugural YSA List of "The Twenty-Five Most Powerful and Influential Young People."

The YSA List will recognize twenty-five young people between the ages of 5 and 25 from around the world who have made significant, large-scale change in five categories: health, education, human services, human rights, and the environment.

The list will be announced on [Global Youth Service Day 2012 \(April 20-22\)](#). The twenty-five winners will each receive \$1,000 to support their ongoing efforts to change the world as well as opportunities to publicize their work and to network with other young leaders.

Visit the YSA Web site for complete program information and the nomination form.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Big Read Invites Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs

The [Big Read](#), a program of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) in partnership with [Arts Midwest](#) designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013.

Organizations selected to participate in the Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, and educational and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement and participation. Approximately seventy-five organizations

from throughout the United States will be selected.

Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations.

Community organizations participating in the Big Read are expected to develop and produce a well-planned, well-attended, community-wide read with innovative, diverse programming, and widespread community involvement and participation. Activities should last approximately one month and focus on one book or poet from the Big Read Library.

Organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 each, depending on community size and number of activities planned. Grants must be matched at least 1 to 1 with nonfederal funds. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental.

Visit the Big Read Web site for complete program guidelines, project development resources, and application materials.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: February 29, 2012

Bikes Belong Coalition Offers Funding for Bicycle Facilities and Advocacy Projects

The [Bikes Belong Coalition](#), a national coalition of bicycle retailers and suppliers working to "put more people on bikes more often," offers grants to organizations that strive to improve bicycling in the United States through the building of trails and paths, or through promoting general bicycling advocacy and awareness. Eligible projects include paved bike paths, lanes, and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. The organization's grants program accepts applications in two categories -- facilities and advocacy. For the facilities category, Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations whose missions are bicycle and/or trail specific. Applications also will be accepted from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels; however, Bikes Belong encourages these municipalities to align with a local bicycle advocacy group that can help develop and advance the project or program. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose primary mission is bicycle advocacy.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Applications Available for 2012 Do Something Awards Honoring Young Social Change Activists

Since 1996, [Do Something](#) has annually honored young social change volunteers, ages 25 and under, with the Do Something Awards. Award winners receive a community grant, participation in a televised award ceremony, media coverage, and continued support from Do Something. In the 2012 program, five winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships. (Only winners 18 and under are eligible for a scholarship of \$5,000 and a \$5,000 community grant; winners between the ages of 19 and 25 will receive their entire award in the form of a community grant.) Of the five winners, one will be selected as the grand-prize winner and will receive a total of \$100,000 in community grants paid directly to the nonprofit of his or her choice. To be eligible, applicants must be age 25 or younger and be a United States or Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Do Something Award applications go through two stages. First, the Do Something Award Academy (comprised of former winners) reads through all the applications and selects the finalists. Finalists are then flown to New York City for interviews with representatives from the award selection committee. Visit the Do Something Web site for complete program guidelines, application procedures, and information on previous winners.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Skoll Foundation Invites Applications for Social Entrepreneurship Awards

The [Skoll Foundation](#) is accepting applications for the Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship. The annual awards program is designed to recognize and support social entrepreneurs anywhere in the world who are helping to solve the world's most pressing problems. Each award includes a core support grant to the entrepreneur's organization, to be paid over three years, and a non-cash award to the social entrepreneur presented at the Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. It is anticipated that fewer than ten Skoll Awards will be announced this year. For detailed awards criteria, the required eligibility quiz, application procedures, and an FAQ, visit the Skoll Foundation Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadlines: April 30, 2012 and August 31, 2012*

Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia supports environmental work: ecosystem and habitat protection. Projects should be quantifiable, with specific goals, objectives and action plans, and should include measures for evaluating success.

*Local retail stores accept grant applications on an open basis. If submitting to the headquarters office, deadlines are: 04/30/2012 and 08/31/2012.

Deadline: Open

Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

The [Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#) is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association designed to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment.

Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs.

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs; create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs; are able to match funds for programs; provide programs for children aged 10-16; support existing programs that have demonstrated success in providing a quality youth baseball/softball experience; and address opportunities for minorities and women.

Nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball programs are encouraged to apply for Baseball Tomorrow Fund grants.

Applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Selected applicants are invited to submit a full application. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

Visit the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Web site for complete application instructions, deadlines, evaluation criteria, and restrictions.

Deadline: Rolling

Youth Service America Invites Applications for J-Serve Grants to Support Projects on International Day of Jewish Youth Service

A limited number of micro-grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded for community projects committed to creating service opportunities that bring Jewish teens together to participate in a J-Serve project. Projects that are creative and innovative, especially those that are first-time events in a community, as well as projects conceived and planned by teen project leaders (with adequate adult supervision), will receive preferential reviews. Micro-grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and grants will continue to be awarded as long as funding remains available.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: Open

Powered by Service Offers Funding to Seed Youth-Led Service Projects

[Usher's New Look](#), a nonprofit organization founded by entertainer Usher Raymond IV that supports underprivileged youth in using their talents to become community leaders, has announced the launch of [Powered By Service](#), a new initiative to encourage young people around the world to become involved in addressing the most pressing problems facing their communities — from preventing malaria and stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS to ending gang violence and increasing access to clean water.

Young people all over the world can participate in Powered By Service. Participants will have access to online toolkits and opportunities to apply for financial resources to support their projects. Grants will be awarded for exceptional service ideas.

Powered By Service currently has two grant opportunities available for youth volunteers.

Sponsored by the [United Nations Foundation](#), the "Nothing but Nets" grant is designed to help youth create projects that increase awareness and funds for the purchase of bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa.

Sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service's [Learn and Serve America](#), the "What's Your Power?" grant opportunity offers funding for projects that address any issue. Youth are invited to design a project around the cause that interests them.

For complete program information, visit the Powered By Service Web site.

Other resources:

Garden Apprentice Program in Brooklyn

The Garden Apprentice Program (GAP) at Brooklyn Botanic Garden is a great way for teens to learn about urban agriculture and the environment while working in one of the most exciting public gardens in the world! Apprentices can work their way up the four-tier program, potentially earning

a paid position as Senior Apprentice. If you enjoy getting your hands dirty and want to work with other teens, GAP may be for you. You are the future-help make it greener! Apprentices make a ten-month commitment to GAP, from March to December, which includes spring training, summer programming, and a weekly commitment throughout the academic year. See the tier descriptions for more information and application links. For more information, please [email](#)

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation -- Fruit Tree Orchard Grant Overview

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. FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, international hunger relief sites, and animal sanctuaries. FTPF's unique mission, which has been featured in *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* and *The Today Show*, benefits the environment, human health, and animal welfare—all at once! For more, please visit www.ftpf.org.

Our orchard donations are available for recipients who pledge to care for the trees and utilize them for a charitable purpose. If selected for an orchard donation, FTPF will provide high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, organic soil amendments, equipment, planting volunteers, and *on-site* orchard design work, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training—with the goal of improving the surrounding environment and providing a source of healthy nutrition for the community. We also help coordinate all aspects of the planting, and offer an educational experience for volunteers interested in learning more about tree planting. Free community arboricultural workshops are also available the day of the planting.

Recipients must be nonprofits, public 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.

Google Grants Program

Google Grants is a part of the Google for Nonprofits program. Google for Nonprofits is Google's product offering for the nonprofit sector. As a qualified Google for Nonprofits organization, you will gain access to a variety of different product offerings such as Google Grants.

The Google Grants program empowers over 6,000 organizations to achieve their goals by helping them promote their websites via advertising on Google. Google ads appear when users search on Google. For example when you search for "[world poverty](#)" on Google, text ads related to world poverty appear on the right hand side. When you click on one of the ads, you are brought to the website being advertised.

Organizations that receive a Google Grant are awarded an in-kind online advertising account which can be used in a variety of ways, including general outreach, fundraising activities, and recruitment of volunteers. Google Grants participants have found much success with the program. For example, the US Fund for UNICEF's e-commerce site, Shop UNICEF, experienced a 43 percent increase in sales over the previous year, while CoachArt – supporting children with life-threatening illnesses through art and athletics programs – has seen a 60 to 70 percent increase in volunteers.