

GRANTS & RESOURCES LIST
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Deadline: ongoing

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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: June 12, 2012

Tom's of Maine Invites Nonprofit Organizations to Apply for Fourth Annual "50 States for Good" Program

[Tom's of Maine](#), a natural products company focused on oral and personal care, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations in the United States for its "50 States for Good" program and will award a total of \$150,000 in funding toward community projects.

Now in its fourth year, the 50 States for Good program seeks to uncover grassroots nonprofit groups working to address community needs and engage volunteers to get the work done.

Applicant programs must mobilize community volunteers and have a positive impact on the community in one of three areas — environmental goodness, healthy goodness, and human goodness.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in good standing with operating budgets under \$2 million. Individuals who wish to seek funding for their community projects are encouraged to work directly with a local nonprofit organization.

For the first time, this year's program will feature fifty-one finalists, one from each state as well as the District of Columbia, as determined by a panel of independent judges. The six winning organizations will be determined by public vote. The organization with the most public support will receive \$50,000 in sponsorship funding, while five additional organizations will each receive \$20,000

based on the public vote.

Visit the 50 States for Good Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2012

Graffiti Hurts Accepting Grant Proposals for Graffiti Prevention and Education Projects

A program of [Keep America Beautiful](#), the [Graffiti Hurts 2012 National Grant Program](#) aims to help communities kick-start or expand a local graffiti prevention program. Grant funds also may be used for a one-time project that has the potential to significantly reduce graffiti in the community. Proposed projects can address graffiti prevention and education, rapid removal, or help to enforce local anti-graffiti laws.

To be eligible, proposed projects must contribute to a comprehensive effort to prevent graffiti in the community, implement an innovative or proven technique to address graffiti prevention, help educate the community about graffiti prevention, involve community partners and encourage adult and youth citizen volunteers, and help develop a sustainable graffiti prevention effort.

Applicants must be nonprofit, civic, or community organizations (e.g., groups like Neighborhood Watch), crime prevention associations, civic clubs or organizations, and other nonprofit groups; youth groups/schools (e.g., Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, Girls/Boys Clubs, YW/YMCAs), and students in a class, grade, or school club; or government agencies such as city, county, state, and federal government agencies, or subdivisions within these agencies (e.g., department of public works), and police departments or other law enforcement. Businesses that make or operate graffiti removal equipment or technologies are not eligible.

In 2012, six grants will be awarded — four cash grants of \$2,500 each; two paint-product grants from [Sherwin-Williams](#) valued at \$2,500 each; and one FlashCAM from [Q-Star Technology](#) valued at \$6,100. Visit the Graffiti Hurts Web site for access to complete program guidelines and application instructions.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: July 2, 2012

Tony Hawk Foundation Offers Support for Skatepark Construction in Low-Income Areas

As part of its mission to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on supporting and empowering youth, the [Tony Hawk Foundation](#) provides grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of high-quality public skateparks serving at-risk youth in low-income areas across the United States.

The foundation favors grassroots projects that involve skaters in the planning and design of the skatepark and that seek to build quality, permanent skateparks that do not require fees or memberships to use them. To be eligible for a grant, skatepark projects must feature cast-in-place concrete (shotcrete) or permanent precast concrete designs (that do not feature steel transition plates).

The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) public charity or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects).

Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The foundation awards grants to about a dozen communities during each of its two annual grant seasons. The foundation also may offer technical assistance on design and construction, promotional materials, training materials, and safety information, and may facilitate support from vendors, suppliers, and community leaders. Applications must be received by July 2, 2012, for the summer 2012 grant cycle; awards will be announced in August.

Visit the Tony Hawk Foundation Web site for complete program information, the grant application worksheet, and information on previously funded projects. The online application form will become available on June 15, 2012.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: July 2, 2012 (Pre-proposals)

Wells Fargo and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Launch New Grant Program to Support Community Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship Projects

[Wells Fargo](#) and the [National Fish & Wildlife Foundation](#) have announced Environmental Solutions for Communities, a new grant program to help communities in the United States create a more sustainable future through responsible environmental stewardship.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations; state, tribal, provincial, and local governments; and educational institutions working in states and communities where Wells Fargo operates. Individuals, federal agencies, and private for-profit firms are not eligible. Projects that seek funding for political advocacy, lobbying, litigation, fundraising, or legally mandated mitigation projects are not eligible.

Grant awards typically range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. The ratio of matching funds offered is one criterion considered during the review process, and projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio will tend to be more competitive.

The initiative will award grants twice a year. In addition to this Request for Proposals, funding available under the partnership also will be used to leverage resources associated with other NFWF funding opportunities. Visit the NFWF Web site for the complete RFP and application instructions.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: August 13, 2012

Home Depot Foundation Accepting Applications for 2012 Community Impact Grants Program

The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities.

Given the realities of the current housing market, the foundation is prioritizing projects that help military veterans stay in their homes comfortably. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work.

Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing, or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional veterans' housing, or community facilities; and planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S.

Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadlines: 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.

[Could Your Group Use Extra Hands for a Day?](#)

Does your grassroots group have a day-long or half-day neighborhood improvement project (outdoors or indoors) that could use some extra hands? Citizens Committee's development team partners with corporate volunteer groups that are ready to help! For more information, please contact Joe Eastman at jeastman@citizensnyc.org or 212.822.9578.

April 12, 2012

Need Money? Fundraising for the People with ioby

If you need money to get your green idea started or to buy materials, we will teach you how to successfully fundraise for your project, to engage your audience and not go bankrupt yourself. We've helped about 100 projects raise over \$150,000 for environmental projects around NYC in the past few years. Community gardens, parks, kayaks, compost bins, bicycle programs, chickens, bees and dogs have all benefited from working with us. So come by and we'll teach you the tried and true techniques of what we know! [Register here](#) or email helen@ioby.org with questions.

April 16, 2012

Video for Volunteers 201: Editing Your Video, Monday, April 16, 6:30pm

Join ioby and Good Eye Video on Monday, April 16, 6:30pm for the second part in our Video for Beginners course. Bring your video content to the class and get ready for a fast-paced short-course in video editing. This class will teach those on Macs and PCs. Bring your laptops and footage. Training is done in partnership with ioby and Good Eye Video. Good Eye Video is a video production company for non-profits. They produce, educate and strategize with organizations trying to tell their stories. They believe in the radical idea that every human being has a story that can change the world. They believe video can make it happen. ioby thinks they're right. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Citizens Committee Workshops

Grassroots Fundraising: Support your group's work with community-based fundraising efforts!

*Saturday, April 21
2:30-5:30PM
Downtown Manhattan*

*Saturday, April 28
11AM-2PM
East New York (Brooklyn)*

RSVP to Arif Ullah: aullah@citizensnyc.org or 212.822.9580. Lunch provided.

Fundamentos de Organización Comunitaria: ¡Reuniendo vecinos para trabajar en temas que les importan!" (Neighborhood Leadership Institute en Español)

*Sabado, 14 de abril, 2012
11AM a 3PM
Downtown Manhattan*

Para más información sobre este taller para la comunidad hispano-hablante y para confirmar su asistencia, póngase en contacto con Wilfredo Florentino: wflorentino@citizensnyc.org o (212) 822-9568. Almuerzo será servido.

Million Trees NYC Community Tree Giveaways

Trees will be given away to NYC residents on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies run out. One tree can be adopted per address. Please note that trees cannot be planted on rooftops, terraces, or in city parks. Simple tree planting and care instructions come with your tree. All you need is a place to plant, a shovel and access to water. You will be required to fill out a tree adoption agreement to adopt your tree.

[Download the tree giveaway calendar for a list of upcoming events.](#)

Tree Giveaways are first-come, first-served. You can now [RESERVE A TREE](#) at several different Giveaway events to make sure you'll be able to receive one.

May 12, 2012

Brooklyn Food Coalition's 2012 Conference
Brooklyn Tech High School

The 2012 Brooklyn Food Conference aims to make real changes in the food system. The conference will bring people together to build a local food system that provides healthy, affordable food for all our people, supports sustainable practices and justice for food workers across the food chain. There will be opportunities to interact with teachers, students of every age and school level, community leaders, policy leaders who wish to share ideas and hear from constituents, representatives from

non-profits and boards of directors and most of all people who want to make it safe for our people and our planet to thrive. For more information about Brooklyn Food Coalition, click [here](#). (FREE)

[September 29, 2012: National Public Lands Day](#)

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands. Volunteers from across the United States and its territories come together to perform service projects on public lands, including tree plantings, invasive plant removal, historic site restoration and trash pick-ups. In 2011, more than 170,000 volunteers lent a hand at 2,067 sites in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

There are many reasons for a public land to consider hosting an NPLD event. With its status as the nation's largest one-day volunteer event for public lands, NPLD receives considerable attention and press at the local and national level. Its prominence serves as a catalyst to attract new volunteers and visitors to your public land. Once a person is introduced to your park as a volunteer, they will want to return again and again.

Other reasons include:

- FREE promotional materials mailed directly to you
- Your event listed on the NPLD website
- Access to [our national partners](#)
- [Access to FREE webinars, contests, awards and educational resources](#)
- Access to the [NPLD staff](#) for additional support