

GRANTS & RESOURCES LIST  
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Deadline: TBA

#### Change by Us NYC Grants

Last year, Change by Us NYC awarded a total of \$15,000 to 19 groups throughout the 5 boroughs that led innovative and impactful greening projects in their communities. This year, Change by Us NYC is looking to give out another 15 to 20 grants to groups with projects on the [Change by Us NYC website](#) that focus on carrying out similar grassroots greening efforts.

The official grant application will not be released until March 12th, but you can get started on strengthening your application now! Here's how:

1. Make sure all the project profile fields are filled out on your project pages
2. Invite colleagues, community members, and friends to join your project online
3. Work with other project groups on Change by Us NYC! Set a shared goal, combine your resources, and apply together
4. Check the Change by Us NYC Recent News, Tumblr ([nycchangebyus.tumblr.com](http://nycchangebyus.tumblr.com)) and Twitter ([@ChangeByUs NYC](https://twitter.com/ChangeByUs)) for updates on grant application info, workshops, and deadlines.

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Deadline: March 11, 2012 (Preliminary Applications)

#### **MetLife Foundation and Local Initiatives Support Corporation Seek Applications for Community-Police Partnership Awards**

The [MetLife Foundation](#) and the [Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) are partnering for the eleventh year to recognize, sustain, and share the work of innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization.

The MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards are designed to identify and honor partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and/or evaluation of potent police-community collaborations. Case studies about award-winning partnerships will be disseminated throughout the community development and law enforcement industries.

Applicants must be community organizations, community development corporations, police/sheriff's departments, community partnerships, Weed & Seed programs and other [U. S. Department of Justice](#) grantees, or collaboratives comprising more than one of these elements.

Public agencies (including police departments and public schools) must apply in conjunction with at least one nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is a leading partner in the collaboration and will serve as a fiscal agent for award funds. All applicants must be based in the United States. Awards are only for functioning programs that have demonstrated the impact of police-community partnerships.

Cash grants will be awarded in two categories. Neighborhood Revitalization Awards (five awards at \$20,000 to \$30,000) are designed to celebrate exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes (e.g., real estate development, business creation, and/or job growth). Special strategy Awards (five awards at \$15,000) will be presented to community and police partners who have achieved significant accomplishments in one or more of the following areas: applied technology, aesthetics and greenspace improvement, diversity inclusion and integration, drug market disruption, gang prevention and youth safety, or seniors and safety. Applicants may apply in both award categories.

Visit the LISC Web site for complete program guidelines and preliminary application instructions.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Deadline: March 16, 2012

[ioby.org](#) - Earth Day Match!

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 website connects donors and volunteers to environmental projects in their neighborhoods.

*\* For Earth Week in April ioby is offering a very special 1:1 match for every donation. That means every donation will be doubled which means faster fundraising and more beautiful and active parks for you. Deadline is March 16th. Contact Helen Ho at [helen@ioby.org](mailto:helen@ioby.org) or 917-464-4515 x3 for more info.\**

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Deadline: March 16, 2012

### **KaBOOM! and Dr Pepper Snapple Accepting Applications for Playground Construction Grants**

[Dr Pepper Snapple Group](#) and [KaBOOM!](#) are offering grants of \$15,000 to qualifying organizations to use toward the purchase of playground equipment that will be built using the KaBOOM! community-build model.

The program is open to municipalities, neighborhood associations, schools, day care centers, and nonprofit organizations in the United States without a playground or with existing equipment that has become unsafe for children to use. Applicants must own the land or possess a long-term lease and must obtain permission from the land owner to construct a playground. The scope of the project must include a total playground equipment purchase of between \$24,000 and \$40,000. Criteria used in the competitive selection process include a demonstrated need for a playground in the community; the anticipated impact the project will have on the community; its impact on low-income areas; capacity to engage the community in planning and building the playground; capacity to generate matching funds to support and complete the build within the grant period; and demonstrated enthusiasm for the project and commitment to fulfill the requirements of the grant. Grantees will plan their projects and share best practices and challenges through the KaBOOM! Web site. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to maintain the playground, fulfill commitments of the grant, and keep the project planner page up to date. The project must be completed within a year of receiving the grant award.

Complete program information, project planning resources, and grant application procedures are available at the KaBOOM! Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Deadline: March 19, 2012

Manhattan Composting Grant

Citizens Committee for New York City, the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB), and Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer invite you to apply for grants to start, expand and grow composting programs in Manhattan!

Grants of up to \$750 will be awarded to Manhattan community groups working on neighborhood composting programs. Groups eligible for funding include community associations, community gardens, friends of park groups, housing development groups, nonprofits, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and private businesses. [Download the application!](#)

For more information, please contact Saleen Shah at (212) 822-9566 or [sshah@citizensnyc.org](mailto:sshah@citizensnyc.org).

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Deadline: April 1, 2012

### **World of Children Awards Invites Nominations of Global Changemakers for Children**

The [World of Children Awards](#) recognizes individuals who are changing the lives of children in the United States and abroad. Nominations are now invited for the 2012 awards.

The award program is dedicated to dramatically improving children's lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who have created proven, sustainable nonprofit programs serving children in need and awarding cash grants to advance their work.

The 2012 awards will be granted in three categories:

The World of Children Youth Award will provide up to \$25,000 to a young person under the age of 21 who is making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. This person must have been doing this work for three years and have created a sustainable program they plan to continue to lead.

The World of Children Humanitarian Award will provide up to \$50,000 to an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in social services, education, or humanitarian services.

This person will have created or managed a sustainable program that has significantly contributed to children's opportunities to be safe, to learn, and to grow.

The World of Children Health Award will provide up to \$50,000 to an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. This person will have created or managed a sustainable program that has significantly contributed to the health and well-being of children.

Nominees for the humanitarian and health awards must have been working on behalf of children over and above their normal employment and have been engaged in their efforts for a minimum of ten years.

Award nominations are open to individuals from every country in the world. The call for nominations is available in English, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.

Visit the World of Children Awards Web site for complete program guidelines, nomination materials, and information on previous awardees.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Deadline: April 2, 2012

### **[The TogetherGreen Innovation Grants Program](#)**

Award: various, up to \$80,000, see grant FAQs for details.

This Audubon network grant program supports creative, ambitious conservation partnerships that engage diverse communities and find innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

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Deadline: April 30, 2012

[Applications Invited for National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program](#)

Start-up and capacity building grants of \$1,500 to \$5,000 will be provided to help increase the number and effectiveness of organizations assisting the National Wildlife Refuge System nationwide....

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Deadline: April 30, 2012

**Nominations of Young Volunteers Invited for Gloria Barron Prize**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders in the United States who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet.

Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five young people nationwide. Half the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment.

Nominees, who may range in age from 8 to 18 years old, must have been the prime mover of the service activity for which they are nominated and must have demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals.

Nominations are invited from adults who have solid knowledge of the nominee and his or her work but who are not related to the nominee. This could include teachers, librarians, and civic or religious leaders, among others.

Prize winners will receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project.

Visit the Barron Prize Web site for complete program information, an FAQ, and the nomination form.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Deadline: May 16, 2012

**Dollar General Literacy Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Literacy Grants**

The [Dollar General Literacy Foundation](#)'s Youth Literacy Grants program provides funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

Applicants must provide literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, or readers with learning disabilities.

Grants will be provided for the following initiatives: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs.

Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and/or educational institutions (K-12 private and public schools, colleges and universities) and/or public libraries. All applicants must be located in and provide direct services in a state in which Dollar General operates and be located within twenty miles of a Dollar General store.

The maximum grant amount is \$4,000.

For complete program guidelines, store locator page, eligibility quiz, and the application form, visit the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Deadlines: May 31, September 30, January 15

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](#)

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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.

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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.

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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](#)

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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.

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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](#)

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[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](http://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.*

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## 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.

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Friday, March 16, 2012 (10am-4pm)

### Greening from the Ground Up Conference

Pratt Institute-Higgins Hall/Brooklyn

Greening from the Ground Up Conference is a joint effort of the Brooklyn Community Foundation and the Brooklyn Greens partners that it supports - Pratt Center for Community Development, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, Cypress Hills LDC, El Puente and LISC New York City's Green and Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative with additional support from State Farm. Greening from the Ground Up will bring together NYC community-based organizations, local officials, and neighborhood residents to share resources, best practices, and useful tools for strengthening sustainability initiatives in our neighborhoods. Workshops include: Growing Urban Agriculture; Healthy, High-Efficiency Homes: How Retrofits Meet Community Development Goals; Engaging Young People in Environmental Justice and Public Health; Green By Design: Arts, Culture and Sustainability; Greening for Community Safety; and Built-In Health: The Built Environment and Public Health. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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Saturday, March 31, 2012 (8:30am-4pm)

### The 28th Annual GreenThumb Grow Together Conference Hostos Community College/Bronx

You are invited to join a thousand community gardeners and greening professionals from all over New York City for a day of learning, sharing, networking and greening inspiration at the 28th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether! This year's conference features favorite workshops from past years, as well as exciting new ones, including many hands on workshops, and new ones for youth gardeners. Cost: Pre-register \$3 for breakfast + workshops + lunch + t-shirt.

Day of registration \$5 = breakfast + workshops.

\*\*\*You must pre-register to guaranteed lunch and a t-shirt\*\*\*

To register, click [here](#).

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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)