

GRANTS & RESOURCES LIST
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November 2011

Deadlines: February 1, 2012

Partnerships For Parks -- Capacity Fund Grant

PFPP's Capacity Fund makes grants to community groups working in parks across the five boroughs of New York City. The Capacity Fund supports projects that expand a community group's ability to care for their park and to use their park to care for the community.

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.

Applications must be received (not postmarked) by 6pm on Feb. 1, 2012.

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

Deadline: November 8, 2011

Citizens Committee for New York City – Love Your Block Grant

Citizens Committee is now accepting applications for our [Love Your Block grant program](#). *Love Your Block* is a special partnership between Citizens Committee and the City of New York that provides a unique opportunity for city residents to transform and beautify their neighborhoods.

Love Your Block offers resident-led volunteer groups a cash grant of \$500-\$1,000 to transform a city block. Citizens Committee also provides each group with project-planning and community-building assistance, as well as assistance with local media coverage for the project. The City of New York matches the grant by providing services from the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Sanitation to help improve the block. Examples of these city services include trash collection, vacant lot cleanup, graffiti removal, dead tree removal, tree planting, providing woodchip mulch for gardening projects, repair of and installation of street signs and street lights, and traffic safety surveys.

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: November 1, 2011

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program Invites Entries From Young Volunteers

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program annually honors middle and high school students across the U.S. for helping to improve their communities through volunteer activities. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities.

To be eligible, a young person must be in grades 5-12 as of November 1, 2011; be a legal resident of any U.S. state or Washington, D.C.; have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application; and submit a completed application to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by the November 1 deadline.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 8, 2011

U.S. EPA Office of Environmental Education [Request for Proposals \(RFP\) for the Environmental Education Sub-Grants Program](#)

The Environmental Education (EE) Sub-grants Program is a competitive grant program that supports EPA's efforts to increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide participants in EE grant-funded projects the skills necessary to make informed environmental decisions and to take responsible actions toward the environment.

Deadline: November 9, 2011

Youth Service America Invites Applications for State Farm

Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants

[State Farm](#) and [Youth Service America](#) are offering grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of service-learning projects in K-12 public schools in all fifty U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

Each grant will engage participating youth in service-learning, a teaching and learning strategy that helps to promote student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities. The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants encourage semester-long projects — a "[Semester of Service](#)" — that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 16, 2012) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2012).

Applicants must be a teacher, service-learning coordinator, or student (age 5 to 25) in a K-12 public school; or a staff member or youth in a community-based organization working within a K-12 public school. Projects must serve a real community need and have intentional learning goals (content or academic standards that students will meet by developing and implementing the service-learning project). Students should participate in a meaningful way at every stage of the project.

Up to one hundred and twenty-five grants will be awarded; at least ten to fifteen grants will support projects addressing teen driver safety issues.

YSA will host two application training Webinars, September 27 and October 13, 2011, for applicants to learn more about developing a successful project application.

Visit the YSA Web site for complete program guidelines, project planning resources, the eligibility quiz and application, and to register for a Webinar training session.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 14, 2011

Grinnell College Invites Nominations for Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize

[Grinnell College](#), a private four-year liberal arts college located in Grinnell, Iowa, has announced a call for nominations for the 2012 Grinnell College Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize.

The prize program, now in its second year, honors individuals under the age of 40 from anywhere in the world who have demonstrated leadership in their fields and who show creativity, commitment, and extraordinary accomplishment in effecting positive social change. Up to three awards of \$100,000 will be presented, with half the prize money going to the individual(s) and half to the organization(s) committed to each winner's area of social justice.

Grinnell encourages entries for 2012 from across a wide range of fields, including science, medicine, the environment, humanities, business, economics, education, law, public policy, social services, religion, and ethics, as well as projects that cross these boundaries. Nominations are also encouraged from areas that may not have been traditionally viewed as directly connected to social justice, such as the arts and business.

Nominees may be U.S. citizens or nationals of other countries; no affiliation with Grinnell College is required.

Program details and nomination guidelines are available at the Grinnell College Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Applications Invited for Martin Luther King Day of Service Lead Organizer Grants

[Youth Service America](#) and the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) will support up to sixteen MLK Day Lead Organizers working to coordinate Martin Luther King Day of Service (January 16, 2012) activities.

The goal of the MLK Day Lead Organizers program is to engage youth and adult volunteers on the MLK Day of Service and throughout the year by encouraging families to address some of the nation's most pressing issues. MLK Day also may provide a starting point for a Semester of Service and/or involvement in national days of service and other volunteer activities in 2012.

The program is open to nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Up to sixteen grantees will receive \$4,000 planning grants as well as significant training and technical assistance from YSA.

Grantees will be required to engage at least three thousand volunteers (including at least one thousand youth volunteers between the ages of age 5 and 25) in community service or service-learning projects on MLK Day; build or strengthen partnerships with at least five partner organizations; engage the media and public officials; and address one or more strategic issue areas (economic opportunity, health, environment, education and literacy, disaster preparedness and response, and veterans and military families).

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

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 18, 2011

U.S. Soccer Foundation Opens Annual Grant Cycle for Youth Soccer Programs

The [U.S. Soccer Foundation](#) has opened its 2012 Annual Grant Cycle.

Since 1995, the foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. For the 2012 grant program, the foundation's highest priority is to support projects and programs that focus on soccer as a youth development tool in economically disadvantaged urban areas.

Funds will be awarded through Field Building Grants of up to \$200,000 each for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation, and Program Grants of up to \$50,000 each for player and team equipment and general program/operational expenses.

To be eligible for a Field Building Grant, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S.; be a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation; apply as, or on behalf of, a field building project; and own or have a minimum of a ten-year land lease/land use agreement on the land where the field building project will take place. If applying for sports lighting, an applicant must have

written authorization from the community where the field building project is located authorizing the addition of lights to the field(s).

Complete program guidelines and application materials are available at the U.S. Soccer Foundation Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 28, 2011

National Gardening Association Accepting Applications for Youth Garden Grants

With support from the [Home Depot Garden Club](#), the [National Gardening Association](#) will award Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations in the United States working to conduct child-centered garden programs.

Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and inter-generational groups in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to garden with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year (e.g., groups that won in 2011 may apply again in 2013) and have significantly expanded their garden programs.

In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize educational focus or curricular/program integration, nutrition or plant-to-food connections, environmental awareness/education, entrepreneurship, and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, and service-learning.

One hundred grants are available through the 2011 grant cycle. Five programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog, as well as educational materials from NGA). Ninety-five programs will receive a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and educational materials from NGA.

Complete program information and application procedures are available at the NGA Kids Gardening Web site.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Responsible Sports Program Opens Fall 2011 Community Grants Program

Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company [Liberty Mutual](#), is accepting applications from youth sports organizations in the U.S. to participate in its Responsible Sports Community Grant program.

To be eligible for the program, league administrators must first register their youth sports organization at the Responsible Sports Web site. Then, coaches, parents, administrators, and youth sports supporters can participate in the Responsible Sports Parenting and/or Responsible Coaching coursework. Participants who then pass the ten-question Responsible Sport Parenting quiz or Responsible Coaching quiz can credit the successfully passed quiz to their favorite youth

sports league.

Applicant organizations must be a registered nonprofit, traditional youth sport organization recognized by the governing bodies of their sport(s). Organizations must serve the community at large and must be open to the general public.

For the fall 2011 Responsible Sports Community Grants program, organizations will compete for grants in three categories. Large organizations of one hundred or more players will compete for one of seven grants of \$2,500; small organizations of under one hundred players will compete for one of seven grants of \$2,500; and school/educational organizations (school athletic programs) will compete for one of six grants of \$5,000.

See the Responsible Sports Web site for complete program information, coursework and quiz, and application procedures.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: December 1, 2011 (Letter of Inquiry)

[Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action Grants](#)

The Starbucks Foundation will solicit applications from organizations that provide young people a continuum of services in developing creative approaches to address pressing concerns in their communities.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Invites Applications for Community Garden Grants and Makeovers

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources.

Fiskars will choose eleven recipients from the pool of grant applicants. Ten will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. During a Project Orange Thumb garden makeover, Fiskars works with neighbors, business leaders, volunteers, and community partners to transform a barren lot into a beautiful, productive community gathering space — all in a single day.

Applications will be accepted from any nonprofit organization within the U.S. or Canada. All applicants will be considered for a grant; however, only those that specify they are interested and meet Fiskars' criteria will be considered for the garden makeover.

Visit the Fiskars Web site for complete program information and application guidelines.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: December 31, 2011

[Whole Kids Foundation Invites Applications for New Grant Program to Support School Gardens](#)

Grants of \$2,000, along with curriculum resources, and mentorship, will be provided to one thousand schools and garden-related nonprofit organizations to support the launch or expansion of school gardens....

Deadline: January 31, 2012

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

Citizens Committee awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to grassroots community groups in economically under-resourced neighborhoods to work on creative community improvement projects that bring neighbors together. [Check in November for an application.](#)

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.](#)

Deadlines: January 31, May 31, September 30

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million.

Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation which 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 from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to:

- * serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, and
- * inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

CPF grants are limited to \$2,500 and preferential consideration is given to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their program.

A new application will be posted by November 1, 2011 for the January 31 deadline.

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](#)

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.

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.

Deadline: Quarterly

Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities Programs

[Bikes Belong](#), a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers, provides grants to organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." Fundable projects include paved bike paths and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in the categories of facilities and advocacy. For the facilities category, Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations whose missions are bicycle and/or trail specific. Bikes Belong will also accept applications from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels; however, these municipalities are encouraged to partner with a local bicycle advocacy group that will help develop and advance the project or program. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose primary mission is bicycle advocacy.

New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years.

Applicants can request up to \$10,000 each.

Bikes Belong reviews applications on a quarterly cycle. Applications are only accepted via email. Upcoming application deadlines are August 24, 2009; and November 23, 2009.

Visit the program's Web site for complete application information.

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, FTFP 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.