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Grant	Website	Deadline	Range	Description	Notes:
Annie's School Garden Grants	http://www.annies.com/giving-back/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens	December 1		Annie's offers Grants for Gardens donations to schools and other educational programs that help build school gardens.	Can use Annie's Garden Funder™ on CrowdRise to raise money through crowdfunding for school gardens. See - https://www.crowdrise.com/anniesgardenfunder
Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Kids Cabbage Program	http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/teachers/	None		The program offers third grade students a chance to get a unique, hands-on gardening experience through growing colossal cabbages, reaping hefty harvests, and holding high hopes to win "best in state" and receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards education from Bonnie Plants.	Only 3rd grade teachers can apply
Captain Planet Foundation	http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/	January 31, September 30	\$500 - \$2,500	Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: Provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; Serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools; Inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.	Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50% 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). Captain Planet Foundation may choose to fund a portion of the project budget that best fits within the foundation guidelines or contact an applicant for further discussion. -
Colorado Garden Foundation	http://coloradogardenfoundation.org/grants	August 30	up to \$100,000	This grant supports horticulture and horticultural related projects and the groups involved with them. This grant program is a great resource for community gardens!	How to Apply: Submit a one-page initial inquiry letter including organization's mission statement; history, project purpose, total project cost and amount of funding requested. Initial applications are due in our office by August 30. Inquiry letter must be on letterhead and also include the phone, fax and email. Selected applicants will be requested to submit complete details by October 31. Attachments related to the application are then accepted. In the application, applicants must include how Colorado Garden Foundation will be recognized for the grant award. Grants are selected by early December with distribution at the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show in February.
Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants	http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/how-to-apply-for-a-mini-grant/	March 31	up to \$500	EJK Mini-Grants are awarded to o public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. They also represent an opportunity for educators, whose efforts are often inadequately funded or recognized, to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students.	In honor of Ezra's 100th birthday, we are calling for all Mini-Grant proposals submitted through March 2016 to have a Keats theme (i.e. must informed by one or more aspect of Keats's books, life and vision)

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Fiskars Project Orange Thumb	http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb	February 10	\$3,500 is cash and tools	Through Project Orange Thumb®, Fiskars awards cash and garden tools to help communities reach their goals of neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources.
Gardening Know How	https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/apply-garden-sponsorship/	September 30	\$1,000	general support for community and school-based gardens
Green Thumb Challenge	http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=712:5000-gef-grant&catid=139:contests	September 30	\$250	The award is designed to support the continued sustainability of an exceptional youth garden program that has demonstrated success, and has impacted the lives of kids and their community.
Home Depot Community Impact Grants	http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applyin-g-for-a-grant	None		The Home Depot Foundation offers grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that strengthen the community, including planting community gardens. Grants are given in the form of Home Depot cards for the purchase of tools, materials and services. For smaller projects priced under \$25, please contact your local Home Depot about the possibility of an in-kind donation of a \$25 off donation coupon.
I Can Grow Youth Garden Award	www.BurpeeHomeGardens.com/ICanGrow	None	up to 500 vegetable and herb plants + \$2,500 in garden supplies	
Lowe's Toolbox for Education	http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html	February 9; October 15	up to \$5,000	This program provides between \$2,000 – \$5,000 to schools for various outdoor projects that have a permanent impact on the school.
NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants	http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants/	February 1, June 1, and October 1	\$2,000 – \$5,000	The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection.

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Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grants	https://www.plt.org//apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant	September 30	up to \$1,000	PLT offers grants for service-learning projects that improve schools or restore natural habitats. Many restrictions apply, and are listed on the organization website.	Grants must be completed in one year Applicants must have attended a PLT workshop either online or in-person The proposed project must involve service-learning The proposed project must exemplify student voice The proposed project must involve at least one community partner The proposed project must secure at least 50% matched funds (in-kind acceptable)
Red Apple Recycling	http://redaplerecycling.com/grants/	None	Varies, but typically up to \$1,000	Red Apple Recycling provides grants to support wellness and sustainability programs in Metro Denver schools. This is a great resource for school-based community gardens!	
Sam's Club Community Grant Program	http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving	December 31	\$250 to \$2,500	At the local level, Sam's Club facilities are encouraged to support nonprofits or other causes important to their community, provided they fall within one of the Walmart Foundation's focus areas (Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating , Sustainability , Women's Economic Empowerment or Career Opportunity). Other local areas of focus may include Education and Youth Success.	
Sow it Forward	http://kgi.org/grants	January 7	Full Grant: \$300 - \$400 cash + 100-\$200 worth of seeds and gift certificates for garden supplies and KGI's online garden planner. Partial Grant: \$300 cash + \$25 one-year subscription to KGI's online garden planner.	Sow It Forward is the grants and partnership program of Kitchen Gardeners International. The grant is for nonprofit causes or organizations (schools, 501c3s, food banks, community gardens, colleges, libraries, prisons, senior programs, etc.) interested in starting or expanding food garden projects that are of general benefit to their community.	
The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant Program	https://www.aad.org/ssp/	September 1	up to \$8,000	Intended for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun. Applicants must also be recommended by an AAD member dermatologist.	
The Awesome Foundation – Denver Chapter	http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/denver	25th of each month	\$1,000	Provides \$1,000 grants on a monthly basis to fund great ideas for improving the community.	Inactive Chapter (i.e. has not awarded a grant in more than 6 months)

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The Denver Foundation Strengthening Neighborhoods Grant	http://www.strengtheningneighborhoods.org/about	Last business day of every month	grant limit \$5,000, average grant size \$2,500	This grant awards up to \$5,000 to resident-led projects that work toward creating positive change in neighborhoods. This grant program encourages applicants from any low-income community throughout the seven counties of Metro Denver, particularly low-income communities of color.	
The Explore Fund	http://www.explorefund.org/	April 17	between \$5,000 and \$25,000	Offered by The North Face, The Explore Fund provides grants to support youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on creating more connections of children to nature, increasing access to both front and backcountry recreation, as well as providing education for both personal and environmental health.	
The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF)	http://www.ftpf.org/apply.htm	None	If selected for an orchard donation, FTPF provides high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals.	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.	
The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program	http://www.wildones.org/seedmony.html	October 15	Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500. Funds are restricted to the purchase of native plants and seed for the grant-award year. Successful projects are eligible for discounts on seeds and plants from SFE Nursery Partners.	The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, and other non-profit and not-for-profit places of learning in the United States with a site available for a stewardship project. Project goals should focus on enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development, and increase the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged, but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of, and teaching about, native plants and the native-plant community is mandatory, and the native plants must be appropriate to the local ecoregion and the site conditions (soil, water, sunlight).	

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The Lowry Foundation	http://www.lowrydenver.com/lowry-foundation-2/grants-2/	None	\$250 – \$2,500	The Lowry Foundation values collaborative efforts and strongly favors applications that clearly demonstrate how they serve the Lowry Community through programs of artistic, cultural, educational, historic, recreational and scientific value.
The Pollination Project	https://thepollinationproject.org/funding-guidelines-for-grants/	None	\$1,000	Provides \$1,000 grants to individuals with an idea and plan to make their community a better place.
The Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant Program	https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/index.php/schools/programs/school-garden-grant-program	October 31	\$2,000	The School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to a primary or secondary school, <i>or a nonprofit working in partnership with a primary or secondary school</i> , to support a new or existing edible garden on school grounds.
Voya Unsung Heros Award	https://unsungheroes.scholarshipamerica.org/	April 30	\$2,000 – \$25,000	Grants are awarded to full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning.
WildonesSeeds for Education	http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/	October 15	Up to \$500	Provides up to \$500 to schools and nonprofits for projects that use native plants to develop an appreciation for nature among students.