GRANT AND ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BALTIMORE COMMUNITY GARDENS AND URBAN FARMS

The Safe Urban Harvests study team and partners are happy to answer questions and support your efforts as best we can.

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SAFE URBAN HARVESTS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Baltimore City Office of Sustainability
For questions about zoning for urban agriculture and growing food on public land

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417 E. Fayette Street, 8th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201
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410-396-1670

Farm Alliance of Baltimore
For farms that are producing farm products for sale to the public

Mariya Strauss, Executive Director
2701 Saint Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213
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410-736-8079
www.farmalliancebaltimore.org
Parks & People Foundation
For community greening grants and educational community gardening events
Valerie Rupp, Community Grants Program Director
2100 Liberty Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217
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(410) 448-5663
http://parksandpeople.org/

University of Maryland Extension – Baltimore City
For questions about growing practices, fertility, and soil science
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nglittle@umd.edu
410-856-1850 ext. 123
http://extension.umd.edu/baltimore-city/urban-agriculture

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
The following organizations may also provide assistance to your garden or farm:

University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners
Educate Baltimore residents about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices to build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities
http://extension.umd.edu/baltimore-city/master-gardeners-1
410-856-1850
emelle@umd.edu

Baltimore Greenspace
Helps community groups preserve gardens, pocket parks, and other community-managed open spaces
http://baltimoregreenspace.org/
443-993-3811
info@baltimoregreenspace.org

Blue Water Baltimore
Provides resources on planting trees and other native plants, installing rain barrels, and creating rain gardens; also runs the Herring Run Nursery.
https://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/
410-254-1577
Future Harvest - Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture
Offers a training program for beginning farmers and educational field days

https://www.futureharvestcasa.org/field-school/beginner-farmer-training-program
https://www.futureharvestcasa.org/foodshed-field-school
410-549-7878
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Baltimore Housing Department Adopt-a-Lot Program
Supports community members seeking to adopt and improve a city-owned vacant lot

http://www.baltimorehousing.org/adopt_a_lot

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Note: Please review each grant organization’s website for more information on eligibility requirements and upcoming application deadlines. Some of these grant programs require 501(c)3 non-profit status. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of grant opportunities, but as a helpful starting point. Website links are up-to-date as of May 27, 2018.

FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

Parks & People Foundation
Grants up to $5,000. Parks & People helps communities transform vacant lots and unused space into community gardens, play spaces, outdoor classrooms, and gathering spaces. Grants are available to start a new project or upgrade an existing project.

Due date: Accepted on a rolling basis, awarded quarterly
http://parksandpeople.org/grants/grant-opportunities/

BGE Green Grants
$500-$10,000 for community gardens (among other projects). Must be a registered 501(c)3 organization.

Due date: Annually in February
Maryland Environmental Trust’s Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants Program
(Multiple Grants)
$1,000-$10,000. Grants through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program help volunteer-based, non-profit groups, communities and land trusts in Maryland to support environmental education projects, litter removal, citizen stewardship and to protect natural resources in urban and rural areas.

Due date: Annually in November
http://dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

Chesapeake Bay Trust Grants (Multiple Grants)
$5,000-$50,000. There are multiple grant programs, please see website for more information. Generally, they are designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. Matching funds may be required.

Due date: On-going
https://cbtrust.org/grants/

Fiskars Project Orange Thumb
Project Orange Thumb is a community garden grant program that provides tools and resources to help communities reach their goals for collaboration, neighborhood beautification, and healthy, sustainable food sources. The application is open to non-profit organizations in North America.

Due date: Annually, end of year; recipients announced following spring.
http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb

The Home Depot Community Impact Grant
Up to $5,000 to 501(c)3 organizations for community work. Activities that include veterans encouraged.

Due date: Annually December

Baker Creek Seed Company Non-Profit Seed Donation Process
Free seeds! 501(c)3 organizations can make a custom seed order and receive the seeds for only the price of shipping.

Due date: On-going
https://biggreen.org/blog/seed-donation-steps-from-baker-creek-heirloom-seed-co/
**ScottsMiracle-GRO1000 Grants**
$1,500. Any non-profit organization that is helping to foster community spirit and public service is eligible to apply. Grass-roots Grants are awarded to local communities to help bring pollinator habitats, edible gardens and public green spaces to neighborhoods.

**Due date:** Annually in January
https://scottsmiraclegro.com/responsibility/gro1000/

**Hardy Plant Society Hardy Plant HPS Grant Program**
Up to $3,000 to individuals, community groups, schools, and other organizations who are working to promote horticulture or a positive ecological impact.

**Due:** Annually in January
http://www.hardyplant.org/grants

**Therapeutic Garden Grants from National Garden Bureau**
$1,000-3,000 awarded to three therapeutic gardens that will help build or perpetuate a therapeutic garden.

**Due date:** Annually in July
https://ngb.org/grant-application/

**NON-PROFIT FARMS ONLY:** The FruitGuys Community Fund
Awards of $2,000-$5,000 for projects that help small farms operate more environmentally and economically sustainably, as well as strengthen community outreach. Non-profit and for-profit urban farms are eligible (not applicable for community gardens).

**Due date:** Annually in January
https://fruitguyscommunityfund.org/get-involved/apply/
For for-profit farms:

**FOR FOR-PROFITS FARMS:**

**People & Planet Award from Green America**
Twice each year, they award two $5,000 cash prizes to for-profits in a range of green business categories, such as zero-waste, worker empowerment, and sustainable food.

**Due date:** Spring & Fall Cycles
https://www.greenamerica.org/people-planet-award
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FOR EDUCATIONAL GARDENS AT SCHOOLS OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

Whole Foods Community Giving
Grant awards of $2,000. The Garden Grant Program supports edible educational gardens located at a school or non-profit organization. There’s also grant funding for honeybees.

Due date: Annually due in November
http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/mission-values/caring-communities/community-giving

Annie’s Homegrown School Garden Grants
For edible school gardens. Must include curriculum component.

Due date: Annually, Fall/Winter
http://www.annies.com/giving-back/grants-for-gardens

KidsGardening Youth Garden Grants
$1,000, plus prize package valued at $600. Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the U.S. planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth (ages 3 to 18) is eligible to apply.

Due date: Annually, December
https://kidsgardening.org/2018-youth-garden-grant/

GreenWorks! Grant
Up to $1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. 50% matching funds required.

Due date: Annually in September
https://www.plt.org/resources/greenworks-grants/

Lowe’s Toolbox for Education
School gardens can apply for up to $5,000.

Due date: Annually in April
http://toolboxforeducation.com/
Captain Planet Foundation Grants
$500-$2,500. ecoSolution Grants support youth-led solution-oriented projects and ecoTech Grants support projects that utilize technology as part of an environmental solution.

Due date: Applications accepted on-going basis, awarded twice per year
https://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/

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Due: Annually in January
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