

# 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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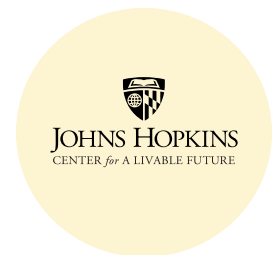
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<http://www.baltimoresustainability.org/projects/baltimore-food-policy-initiative/homegrown-baltimore/urban-agriculture-2/>

### Farm Alliance of Baltimore

*For farms that are producing farm products for sale to the public*

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### **Parks & People Foundation**

*For community greening grants and educational community gardening events*

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### **University of Maryland Extension - Baltimore City**

*For questions about growing practices, fertility, and soil science*

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<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](mailto: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](mailto: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

[futureharvestcasa@gmail.com](mailto:futureharvestcasa@gmail.com)

### **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](http://www.baltimorehousing.org/adopt_a_lot)

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BALTIMORE COMMUNITY GARDENS AND URBAN FARMS**

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**

<https://www.bge.com/SafetyCommunity/Community/Pages/GreenGrants.aspx>

## **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](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**

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

### **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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