



# Funding Resources

## Starting & Growing Gardens in ECE

### Annual Opportunities

**Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program** This grant program supports schools and non-profit organizations to turn outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity and support classroom curriculum.

Grants of \$3,000.

Applications due March 11, 2022

**National Garden Bureau** A national organization dedicated to therapeutic gardening. Eligible applicants and past award recipients include child care centers and schools.

Applications open April 2022

**Seed Money Garden Grants** These grants are offered annually to all types of public food garden projects (youth gardens, community gardens, food bank gardens, etc.) across the country.

Grants of \$100-\$1000

Applications due November 15, 2022

**Safeway Foundation Community Grants** The Safeway Foundations funds organizations that strengthen local communities. Offered twice a year in focus areas of health and education to non-profit organizations.

Grants of \$2,500-\$10,000.

Applications reviewed twice a year in January and July

**The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation** This foundation provides high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, organic soil amendments, equipment, planting volunteers, and on-site orchard design work, and more, with the goal of improving the surrounding environment and providing a source of healthy nutrition.

Rolling Applications

[KidsGardening.org](https://www.kidsgardening.org) A set of grants offered annually that support starting or expanding a garden project.

Grants of \$500-\$1000.

[Check back for new application dates](#)

[American Heart Association Teaching Gardens Grant](#) This grant supports thriving garden spaces for schools and organizations.

Grants of \$2,500.

[Check back for new application dates](#)

[Head Start Garden Grants](#) These grants supplement needs of new or existing garden projects, or supplement/launch outdoor green space projects (i.e., land that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation and an option for children and the community to learn).

Grant of \$2,500-\$5,000

[Check back for new application dates](#)

## **Grant Lists**

[Life Lab](#) Garden Grant List

[Head Start Garden Grants](#) for Head Start Programs

[GrowingSpaces](#) Garden Grants

[Action for Healthy Kids](#) Grants

[Whole Kids Foundation](#) Grants

## **Opportunities by Location**

### **South Sound, Washington**

[Good GRuB Victory Garden Project](#) Each spring, GRuB partners with veterans, individuals, families, and organizations to build backyard vegetable gardens. If you represent a school, non-profit, or tribe and you're interested in partnering to build gardens at your facility, contact [beau@goodgrub.org](mailto:beau@goodgrub.org) to discuss your vision

## **Snohomish County & Camano Island**

[Lawns to Lettuce](#) The Snohomish Conservation District offers up to \$500 to qualified applicants (including for profit and non-profit businesses and organizations) that are working towards community-based urban agriculture in Snohomish County and Camano Island. Projects will be chosen based on criteria such as the engagement of partners and diverse community members, and the demonstration of environmentally-sound techniques.

## **Snohomish, Skagit, and King County**

[Down to Earth Community Gardens](#) Down to Earth Community Gardens is a volunteer-led organization that provides space and education for people to grow their own food. They provide free garden beds, seeds, education and resources to grow organic produce.

## **Master Gardener Foundation Local Community Grants**

In google, search "Master Gardener Foundation Community Grants" along with the county that you live in. A range of grant supports are available for non-profit organizations seeking to start gardens.

## **Conservation District Community Grants**

There are 45 conservation districts across Washington state. They are community-based hubs of expertise and funding that work with people to achieve natural resource and land use goals. There are often garden-based grant opportunities. [Find your conservation district](#) and search for grants on their website!

## **Donations**

- "Big box" stores such as Walmart, Target, Home Depot, and Lowe's may donate garden materials to help you get started. Check out nearby stores and ask about this option!
- Local businesses in your community may donate items, such as garden tools
- Local nurseries or farmers may have extra seeds or seedlings they can donate
- Connect with your [local Master Gardener Program](#)! Master gardener volunteers are often willing to get involved and help out.