

Nature-based Field Trip Transportation

As our funding allows, Conservation Nation is pleased to cover the cost of bus transportation for schools that plan nature-based field trips using our Educator's Guide to Exploring Nature in Washington, DC. We estimate giving grants of \$500-1,000 depending on school needs, and preference will be given to schools in Wards 7 & 8 and schools that do not have safe passage to green spaces. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know of your interest and needs, and we will contact you. If you have any questions, please reach out to joanna@conservationnation.org.

ALDI Cares Community Gift Card Program

Deadline: rolling

ALDI supports two main areas:

- Children's Health & Wellness
- Food Insecurity

Gift cards or donations ranging in value from \$100 to \$500. Open to nonprofits, public schools, and tribal organizations. Applications are reviewed as they are received, and we'll make every effort to review and respond to all requests in a timely manner. [Learn more here.](#)

RiverSmart Schools Grant

Deadline: November 30

The District Department of the Environment, Watershed Protection Division offers funding and training to schools selected through this schoolyard conservation site program. Funding is provided to design, train staff on, and install gardens that improve stormwater management (like rain gardens) and support outdoor learning. Selected schools will receive a new schoolyard greenspace, maintenance, classroom resources, professional development, and technical assistance worth \$3,500 to \$170,000. [Learn more here.](#)

Go Outside Fund

Deadline: September 30, December 31

The Go Outside Fund provides funding that helps connect youth to outdoor, nature-based learning experiences. Teachers or partner organizations may apply for funding to cover costs that facilitate getting kids outside and hands-on with nature. Grants between \$100 and \$500 are available. [Learn more.](#)

SeedMoney Challenge

Deadline: November 12th

Community gardens, community farms, school gardens, or food bank gardens that could use a year-end funding boost: the annual SeedMoney Challenge is accepting applications through November 12th. This year, we will have over 400 grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1000, available. Any nonprofit farm or garden project located anywhere in the world can apply. We expect about 550 to participate this year. How it works: SeedMoney provides free access to their crowdfunding platform (no fees), assistance with online outreach (sample texts, graphics, social media strategies, etc.), challenge grants you can use to motivate donors, and the secret sauce of all successful fundraising campaigns: urgency!

All campaigns launch on November 15 and conclude on December 15. Participating projects keep 100% of what they raise along with any challenge grant funding they are about to secure. Since 2015, SeedMoney has awarded over \$2.3 million to 2,579 projects in all 50 US states and over 60 countries. [Learn more.](#)

Budding Botanist Grant

Grant opens: September 11; Deadline: October 20

The Budding Botanist grant will support students to learn about plants, explore their world, and inspire them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems. Twenty schools will be awarded \$500 each. [Learn more.](#)

Native Plants & Seeds

Deadline: November 15

Award amount: \$100 to \$500

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education grant program advances Wild Ones' mission to spread awareness of the benefits of using native plants by providing grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 for **native plant gardens** and landscaping projects throughout the United States. The funds are designated for acquiring native plants and seeds for outdoor learning areas that engage youth (preschool to high school) directly in planning, planting and caring for native plant gardens. [Learn more here.](#)

Shade Structure Grant

Deadline: December 15

Award amount: up to \$8,000

The American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program awards funds to schools, day-cares, parks, and other non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures where children learn and play. Each shade structure award is a maximum of \$8,000, which includes the cost for shade structure materials and installation. [Learn more here.](#)

Kids Gardening Youth Garden Grant

Deadline: December 15

A total of fifty programs will be awarded \$500 and a shipment of gardening supplies. Among the fifty winners, ten programs will also receive a specialty award package: five from our friends at Crescent Garden and five from our friends at Garden Tower. Organizations or schools must: support, work with, or serve communities with a majority of individuals that are under-resourced (systematically denied resources and opportunities based on race, gender, ethnicity, income level, abilities, geographic location, etc., or currently experiencing hardship such as a natural disaster, etc.); Have fifteen or more youth participate in the garden program; Have received less than \$10,000 in grants for the garden program during 2022 and 2023 combined. Learn more and [apply here.](#)

Stipend for Local NEH Workshop - Teaching Environmental Humanities through Landscape Architecture

Deadline: March 5, 2025

A stipend will be provided for the week-long workshop which is designed to empower K-12 educators to enrich their classrooms with lessons in history, storytelling, and sustainability. Why Apply? Learn from leading experts and explore iconic urban landscapes. Gain tools to connect your students with the stories embedded in their environment. Develop lesson plans that integrate environmental humanities into your curriculum. Learn more and apply: humanities.asla.org. Feel free to reach out to toolsforteachers@asla.org for questions or support.

DC Rec for All: Support, Engagement, and Events grant

Opens: December; Deadline: January

Award amount: \$10,000 for field trips; \$5,000 for materials for existing programs

Funding for community-based programs, activities, and events that will engage youth, provide recreation opportunities, and promote skill development. [Learn more here.](#)

GroMore Good Grassroots Grant

Deadline: January 31, 2025

In 2024, 170 programs will receive \$500 to start or expand their youth garden or greenspace. Programs will also have the opportunity to apply for additional funding if the program faces greater funding needs due to financial, environmental, safety, health, and regulation challenges, or if the program serves a majority of LGBTQ+ youth, or if the program is led by people of color that serve a majority of youth of color. [Learn more.](#)

Free Milkweeds for Butterfly Gardening

Opens: October; Deadline: February (or until none are left)

Award amount: Flat of 32 milkweed plugs (seedlings)

If your school or non-profit educational organization is interested in pollinator conservation, Monarch Watch can help you create a habitat for monarchs and pollinators. Qualifying organizations can receive a free flat of 32 milkweed plugs as well as guidance on how to create a new habitat or enhance an existing garden. Free milkweeds are awarded in the order that applications are received so submit early! [Learn more here.](#)

Gardener's Supply Company Grants & Donations

Deadline: rolling

Planning a community gardening project? Your group may be eligible for some of our products or gift certificates to get your project off the ground. [Learn more here.](#)

Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant

Grant opens: February 1; Grant closes: March 1

The Garden Grant program provides a \$3,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible educational garden. [Learn more.](#)

Green Our Planet GardenConnect

Deadline: February 17, rolling

Open to public, private, and charter schools, the value of GardenConnect is \$3,500. Receive training, curriculum resources and support from Green Our Planet. Applicants will need at least two program leads and a signed Letter of Support from school administration on school/institute letterhead. Schools with the most successful, sustainable programs have a strong team leading the charge.

EcoRise Eco-Audit Grant

Students who complete one or more Eco-Audits from the Sustainable Intelligence curriculum are eligible to apply for up to \$700 to support green student innovations and initiatives that tackle sustainability challenges identified during the Eco-Audit. [Learn more.](#)

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