



Funding Sources



Greenworks Grants of \$200 - \$2,000 are available from Project Learning Tree at the national level, for projects involving youth, adults in communities, with positive environmental effects. www.plt.org or www.ohiodnr.gov/forestry/education/plt.htm

WILD School Sites grants of \$500 are available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, with applications accepted between January 1 and May 31, www.dnr.ohio.gov/wildlife/Resources/wildschools/default.htm

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program award grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for wetland, riparian, or coastal habitat restoration projects that include education and community stewardship components. Deadline March 1. <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.htm>

Toyota Tapestry grants up to \$50,000 and mini grants up to \$2,500 are available to science teachers and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, <http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm>

American Electric Power Teacher Vision Grants of \$100-\$500 are available to pre-K-12 educators in the AEP service area. www.aep.com/go/teachergrants

FirstEnergy Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Grants up to \$500 are available to educators at schools and youth groups in communities served by Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company, and Toledo Edison, applications due September 30. See www.firstenergycorp.com and click on “community involvement” then “education” and “educational grants”

American Honda Foundation Grants to K-12 and higher education programs in the fields of youth education (up to 21) and scientific education. Deadline: May 1. Download brochure: http://corporate.honda.com/images/banners/america/AHF_brochure.pdf
<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Learn and Serve Ohio grants are available through the Ohio Department of Education for schools to develop service learning programs to help students and communities address education, public safety, human and environmental needs. www.ohiok-16service.org

Ohio Environmental Education Fund mini grants of \$500 - \$5,000 are offered by the Ohio EPA Office of Environmental Education, with application deadlines around January 9 and July 9 each year. www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef

US EPA Environmental Education grants are awarded through both the national Office of Environmental Education www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html and smaller grants (but less competition) through the Region 5 office in Chicago (contact Megan Gavin at gavin.megan@epa.gov). Application is usually announced in the Federal Register in September, with deadlines in November.

NiSource Environmental Challenge Fund grants are available for ecological restoration projects, in the service area of Columbia Gas of Ohio. Application deadline is usually in February, www.nisource.com/enviro/ecf.asp. Largest grant awards are \$10,000, most under \$5,000.

Youth Garden Grant Program of the National Gardening Association offers \$500 gift cards from The Home Depot to schools and community organizations with child-centered outdoor garden programs. www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp

Build an Outdoor Classroom at Your School Grants

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! classroom magazine offer outdoor classroom grants up to \$2000 to K-12 public schools. Grants up to \$20,000 may be awarded to schools or school districts with major outdoor classroom projects. Proposals are reviewed three times a year. <http://www.Lowes.com/outdoorclassroom>

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Between \$500 and \$2,500 for schools and nonprofit organizations that develop innovative environmental projects for youth that promote cooperation, planning, and problem-solving skills. Deadlines four times a year. <http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/256624>

Your local **community foundation** is a clearinghouse for local donors. Most large cities and many rural counties in Ohio have them. To Find other Funders: see if your public library reference section has the **Guide to Ohio Grantmakers**, also available for \$125 from the Foundation Center, www.fdncenter.org in print or a searchable CD ROM.

Grant writing tips and grant opportunities at <http://www.schoolgrants.org/>

Other Sources of funding at the local level:

Wal-Mart stores, Target, BP stations, Kraft Foods. Wendy's restaurants and grocery stores may not offer cash but may provide food or other supplies.

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scouts have to complete a community service project, and often may be enlisted to perform construction or maintenance in parks and other outdoor learning sites.