

# Grant Programs & Funding Opportunities for Michigan Educators

## *Potential Partners*

**Copper Country Nature/Environment Organizations** [http://www.coppercountry.com/cat\\_index\\_202.php](http://www.coppercountry.com/cat_index_202.php)

**Classroom Earth Professional Development opportunities**  
[http://www.classroomearth.org/professional\\_development](http://www.classroomearth.org/professional_development)

## *Grant List-Serves*

**eSchool News School Funding Center** <http://www.eschoolnews.com/erc/funding/>  
Information on up-to-the-minute grant programs, funding sources, and technology funding

**Classroom Earth Grants & Funding Opportunities** <http://www.classroomearth.org/grants>  
Database of funding resources for environmental education courses and professional development for Gr.9-12 teachers.

**Grant Sources in the Great Lakes Region** <http://www.great-lakes.net/infocenter/news/funding.html>  
Database of funding resources for the Great Lakes.

**K12 Teacher & Schools Grant Information emailed to you!**  
[www.grantwrangler.com/subscribe.html](http://www.grantwrangler.com/subscribe.html)

**Kids Gardening** <http://www.kidsgardening.com>  
School Garden Grants

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources** [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)  
Search by name of grant program

**School Grants** <http://www.schoolgrants.org/>  
Assists K-12 educators with the grant application process.

**Teachers of Mathematics** <http://www.nctm.org/about/met>  
The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) funds special projects that enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics.

**U.S. Department of Education Funding Initiatives** <http://e-grants.ed.gov/>  
The Department of Education's (ED) portal site for electronic grants. From e-GRANTS you may access all of the Department's web-based grant systems.

## *Grant Programs*

**Captain Planet Foundation** <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>  
Amount:\$250 - \$2,500  
*Deadline: March 3, September 30, and December 31 (proposals reviewed quarterly)*  
Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement, and involve K-12 youth. For more information, contact: Taryn Murphy at:(404) 827-4130 or [tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org](mailto:tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org)

**Classroom Earth - 2010 National High School Challenge** <http://classroomearth.org/challenge/2010>

Amount: up to \$4,000

*Deadline: Monday March 1, 2010*

Funds the integration of environmental education and your subject area. Let your innovative teaching ideas become reality. We strongly encourage teachers from non-science subject areas to apply.

**Freshwater Future** <http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/ProjectGrantRequestForProposals2010.pdf>

Amount:\$500 - \$5,500

*Deadline: March 31 and September 30, 2010*

Provide financial support to activities that actively promote aquatic habitat protection by influencing community and/or individual behavior or opinion, corporate conduct, and/or public policy and that strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes region. Contact: Freshwater Future staff at (231) 348-8200

**Future Fisherman Foundation** [http://www.futurefisherman.org/programs/physh\\_ed/grants.html](http://www.futurefisherman.org/programs/physh_ed/grants.html)

Future Fisherman Foundation has developed the *Physh Ed* grants initiative which offers grants in the amount of \$2,500 to certified teachers in public, private or charter schools. Grants are awarded to schools to offer fishing and boating education programs as a part of a cross curricular curriculum that meets state academic standards. For questions regarding the *Physh Ed* application process, please email the Foundation at [futurefisherman@asafishing.org](mailto:futurefisherman@asafishing.org).

**Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund** [www.glahabitat.org](http://www.glahabitat.org)

Amount:\$500-\$5,500

*Deadline: March 31 and Sept. 30, annually*

Funds grassroots citizen initiatives working to protect and restore Great Lakes shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other aquatic habitats in the Great Lakes Basin. Must be a member of Freshwater Futures – Can join at time of application

**Great Lakes Protection Fund** [www.glpf.org](http://www.glpf.org)

*Deadline: awarded quarterly (March, June, Sept., Dec.)*

Funds projects that lead to tangible improvements in the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem, promote the interdependence of healthy ecological and economic systems, and are innovative, creative, and venturesome.

**Keweenaw National Historical Park**

*Deadline: 5 pm. April 1, 2011.*

Grants for historical education. 1:1 match. grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000

For more information, call 337-3168, or go e-mail to KEWE [Grants@nps.gov](mailto:Grants@nps.gov).

**Learn and Serve - Michigan** <http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137--230460--,00.html>.

*Deadline: March 16, 2010*

Funds development of high quality service-learning programs for K-12 public school districts that address community needs, enriches learning, teaches civic responsibility, and fosters personal growth.

**Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grants** <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Amount: up to \$5000

*Deadline: annually*

Funding preference for projects with a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean up type projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored.

**Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens** <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/mantis.asp>

*Deadline: March 1, 2010*

National Gardening Association selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators. Any nonprofit garden program may apply. Winners have included schools, churches, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and others. Funds projects ranging from increasing a community's access to fresh nutritious foods to educating the public about the importance of gardening.

**MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education** <http://www.meemic.com/comfndquesCKR.htm>

Amount: up to \$2,500.

*Deadline: April 30, 2010*

Funds programs that incorporate technology, science, literacy, mentoring and the arts and show creativity on the part of the educator **and** the program. Apply online at: <http://www.meemic.com/comfndappCKR.htm>

**Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation** <http://www.mgaef.org/grants.html>

The Foundation seeks to facilitate the development and implementation of holistic environmental curricula that incorporate basic ecological principles and field environmental activities within a primary or secondary school setting. Accordingly, the Foundation is interested in contributing to the development, implementation and/or field testing of curricula that are consistent with the mission of the Foundation. Pre-proposals can be submitted at any time- you will receive notification of whether you can proceed to the full proposal stage within a week or so after you send your pre-proposal.

**Merck Family Fund** [www.merckff.org/grantguidelines.html](http://www.merckff.org/grantguidelines.html)

*Deadlines: February 1 and August 1 each year for full proposals. New requests for support to the Merck Family Fund should be made by a letter of inquiry rather than with a full proposal.*

The Merck Family Fund seeks to:

- i) To restore and protect the natural environment and ensure a healthy planet for generations to come.
- ii) To strengthen the social fabric and the physical landscape of the urban community.

**MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring** [www.micorps.net/streamgrants.html](http://www.micorps.net/streamgrants.html)

Amount: \$1,000 to \$3,000 grant requests; total of \$50,000 awarded annually.

*Deadline: February each year*

To assist volunteer organizations in the development of programs to monitor streams and rivers. MiCorps staff provide training to all funded volunteer groups.

Contact Paul Steen, MiCorps Program Manager, Ph: 734-769-5123 x14 or Email: [psteen@hrwc.org](mailto:psteen@hrwc.org)

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment**

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> (click on grants in right hand column)

**(1) Arbor Day Mini Grants**

Amount: \$200

*Deadline: November for Arbor Day following year*

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools and volunteer groups to develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan, including tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and reference material acquisition.

**(2) Forest Stewardship - Outreach and Education Grant Program**

Amount: \$2,000 and \$15,000, depending on the type of proposal; 50-50 cost share match requirement.

*Deadline: September 15 each year*

For projects that include management plans for school and municipal forests, outreach and education projects, demonstration areas and ecosystem projects. All proposals MUST include a component or specifically target the non-industrial private landowner.

### **(3) Community Forestry Grants**

Amount: up to \$20,000

*Deadline: Applications announced each summer (June-July)*

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities such as tree inventories, management plans, planting and other maintenance activities. Project categories are: Management and Planning, Education and Training, Library Resources and Tree Planting. Local units of government, schools, tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

### **(4) 2011 Coastal Management Program**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313\\_3677\\_3696-11198--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_3677_3696-11198--,00.html)

Amount: up to \$25,000

*Deadline: May annually*

Provides funding to protect and enhance coastal areas, studies related to coastal management, and to increase recreational opportunities in Michigan's Great Lakes coastal area.

### **Wildflower Association of Michigan** <http://www.wildflowersmich.org>

Due January each year. Grants up to \$500. Awards grants annually to fund projects involving the creation of an outdoor classroom, the enhancing of an existing site, or other educationally directed projects that support the WAM Mission

### **Michigan Space Grant Consortium K-12 Educator Incentive Program** <http://www.umich.edu/~msgc/>

*Deadline: Ongoing*

Amount: up to \$400 for teachers to attend workshops and conferences; up to \$200 for classroom materials and supplies. Must provide 1:1 cost share of non-federal funds (from school, district, PTA, personal, or applicant's time).

Supports teachers attending conferences and the purchase of classroom supplies.

### **Midwest School Garden Grant** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/MidwestASG.asp>

*Deadline: February 12, 2010*

Elementary, middle, and high schools serving low- to middle-income students located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are eligible. Educators should be planning to use the garden to teach students life skills, reinforce academics, develop environmental stewardship, and encourage students to make positive choices for themselves and the planet. Both established and start-up garden programs are encouraged to apply. Winners will receive \$1,000 in materials and funding to lay the foundation for their garden program.

### **Project Learning Tree: Green Works!** [www.plt.org/cms/pages/21\\_22\\_21.html](http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html)

*Deadline: October each year*

*GreenWorks!* grants engage PLT educators and their students with their local community in "learning-by-doing" environmental projects. Student leadership, service-learning, and community participation are the cornerstones to *GreenWorks!* projects. These grassroots action projects enable schools and youth organizations across the country to make a positive impact on their communities. PLT educators are eligible for grants of \$250 to \$5,000.

### **Support for 'Green' Teaching** <http://www.biggreenhelp.com/grants/index.jhtml>

*Deadline: April 22 to December 31, 2009* for schools and community-based organizations

(1) \$2,500 grant for an environmentally-friendly project.

(2) \$5,000 grant for an environmentally-friendly project. 1:1 cost-share required

To be considered for the program, applicants must explain how the proposed project will benefit or enhance the learning experience of kids, as well as its relevance to the environment, being active and living healthy, and/or community service. Elementary and middle schools including grades K-9 (public and private not-for-profit) and after-school community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status serving kids age 5-15.

**Syngenta IPM in School Gardens Grant** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/syngenta.asp>

*Deadline: postmarked by March 1, 2010*

Middle and high schools serving low- to middle-income students located in the United States are eligible to apply. Educators must be planning to use the garden program to teach students about integrated pest management practices used in gardens and commercial agriculture. One grant recipient will be selected from each geographic region of the country defined as the Northeast, Midwest, West, and South. Recipients will receive an award package valued at \$1,250 including: 2 Link-a-Bord raised beds, Mid-sized tool set, Handtool set, Wire compost bin, Compost thermometer, LaMotte soil test kit, Starter house, Illuminated pocket microscope, RainSaver rainbarrel, Insect netting with hoops, Recycled plastic weedbock, Garden Insects of North America: The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Bugs, Vegetable Seeds, \$200 to purchase soil and amendments for raised beds.

**Target Grants for K-12 Teachers** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

**(1) Field Trip Grants**

*Deadline: Fall; check back on August 1, 2010*

Amount: up to \$800

Supports K-12 teachers taking students on field trips. These programs must have a curriculum component.

**(2) Arts Grants**

Amount: up to \$2,000

*Deadline: accepted from March 1 to April 30*

Funds schools and non-profits that bring arts and culture directly to students. These programs must have a curriculum component.

**(3) Early Childhood Reading Grants**

Amount: up to \$2,000

*Deadline: accepted from March 1 to April 30*

Awards grants to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs.

**Toshiba America Foundation** <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html>

*Deadlines: K-6 projects up to \$1,000 - October 1*

Gr. 7-12 projects – less than \$5,000 anytime; more than \$5,000 due Aug. 2, 2010

Supports projects that encourage hands-on teaching of science and mathematics. For more information, call 212.588.0820 or email: [foundation@tai.toshiba.com](mailto:foundation@tai.toshiba.com)

**Toyota Tapestry Grants** <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/>

*Deadline: January*

Amount: up to 50 grants of \$10,000 each, and 20 mini-grants of \$2,500 each

Funds projects initiated by K-12 teachers in three areas: Environmental Science Education, Physical Science Applications, Literacy and Science Education

**Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition** <http://www.upenvironment.org/envrdgrants.html>

Amount: up to \$1,000 each

*Deadline: December 2010*

Provides grants for high quality environmental education programs.

**U.S. EPA Environmental Education Grant Program** [http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants\\_apply.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_apply.html)

Amount: up to \$200,000

*Deadline: December each year*

Provides grants for high quality environmental education programs.

**Volunteer Stream Cleanup Grant** <http://www.glc.org/streamclean/app10>

Amount: \$500 to \$1,000 grant requests; total of \$25,000 is available

*Deadline: February 22, 2010*

Provides grants to local units of government to help implement cleanups of rivers, streams, and creeks to improve the waters in Michigan. Volunteer organizations may partner with units of government to conduct the cleanups. Contact: Laura Kaminski, GLC, at 734-971-9135 or [laurak@glc.org](mailto:laurak@glc.org); or Ralph Bednarz, DNRE, at 517-335-4211 or [bednarzr@michigan.gov](mailto:bednarzr@michigan.gov).

**Walmart Foundation State Giving Program** <http://walmartstores.com/communityGiving/8168.aspx>

*Deadline: February 1, 2010 - August 20, 2010*

The Foundation has adopted four areas of focus: Education, Job Skills Training, Environmental Sustainability and Health. Other programs will also be given full consideration. The State Giving Program awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations that serve a particular state or region.

**Welch's Harvest Grants** <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3752777>

*Deadline: February each year*

Entries will be judged by experts at the National Gardening Association, and two schools in every state will be selected to receive a Welch's Harvest Grant. Winning schools will receive a customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and more.

**Wild Ones: School Gardens & Community Nature Areas** <http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html>

*Deadline: October 15*

Project goals should focus on enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development, and increase the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged, but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of, and teaching about, native plants and the native-plant community is mandatory, and the native plants must be appropriate to the local ecoregion and the site conditions (soil, water, sunlight). The Project Coordinator should be knowledgeable and committed.

Examples of appropriate projects are:

- Design, establishment and maintenance of a native-plant community such as prairie, woodland, wetland, etc., in an educational setting such as an outdoor classroom.
- Developing and maintaining an interpretive trail landscaped with native plant communities.
- Developing a wetland area to study the effect of native vegetation on water-quality improvement.

Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500. Funds will be provided only for the purchase of native plants and seed for the grant-award year. Successful grants are eligible for partnership with SFE native-plant-nursery partners for discounts on seed, plants, etc.

**Wisconsin Energy Foundation** <http://www.wisconsinenergy.com/foundation/application.htm>

Applications accepted quarterly by Jan. 31, April 30, July 31 and Oct. 31.

Local giving panels throughout our utilities' service territory composed of employees meet quarterly to review applications and make recommendations to the Foundation for funding.

**Youth Garden Grants Program**     <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/>

Amount: Five programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1000 (a \$500 gift card to Home Depot and \$500 gift card to *Gardening with Kids* catalog and store) and educational materials from National Gardening Association. Funds programs that emphasize: educational and/or curricular ties, nutrition or plant-to-food connections, environmental awareness/education, entrepreneurship, social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Applicants must plan to garden in 2010 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years.

**Youth Garden Grants**     [www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp](http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp)

*Deadline: varies*

The National Gardening Association awards 400 Youth Garden Grants to schools, neighborhood groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational programs throughout the U.S. which consists of an assortment of quality tools, seeds, and garden products generously contributed by leading companies from the lawn and garden industry. To be eligible, groups must plan to garden the following year with at least 15 children between the ages of 3-18 years. Selection will be based on demonstration of a child-centered plan that emphasizes children directly learning and working in an outdoor garden. Selection criteria include leadership, need, sustainability, community support, innovation and educational, environmental and social programming. 800-538-7476, ext.205 or [info@kidsgardening.com](mailto:info@kidsgardening.com)