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Special issue: Many (not all) of the items are about *Children and Youth*
Grants, Resources and More

NOTE: For this issue, we have included items in the grants list that may have deadlines at other times during the year, so that you can consider them with current RFP's related to Children and Youth in various settings.



How can I use this e-letter?

1. Just read through, for ways to grow your organization, or make it stronger, or **find more grants.**
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Do you guarantee all information?

Nope. We try to report as accurately as humanly possible, but can't be responsible for things like information on other websites, and changes, discrepancies, etc. Read the disclaimer at the end of this letter. The object is to save you time on first-sweep research so that you have more time to do good things, and also to assist you in accessing funding for good works.



What is included in the letter?

It's all based on what not-for-profits say they need. Basically, we are hearing that it is hard for each organization to devote much manpower to writing grants, let alone finding potential grants and researching background information needed to win them. We also hear that not all of you have big bucks for training, but are interested in high quality experiences for little or no registration fees. Tips and news were also requested.

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B. NEWS

The news here is of importance to the nonprofit world, especially in Utah. What are the trends? Who is supporting the work that is important to your organization? What is changing? You can scan items to get a view, and click the link for the whole story.

In this issue:

Hotline, Health News, Find an Affordable Health Center, Housing Recovery, Job Growth Recovery, New Requirements for School Lunch (to get federal reimbursement)

C. FUNDING, GRANTS AND RESOURCES

This is an annotated list of some of the best currently available grants and resources. Scan through, to see if there is one that will enrich your organization.

In this issue, grant offerings under the following topics:

Animals; Arts, Culture and the Humanities; Community and Economic Development; Diversity; Education (K-12) and Other Programs for Children and Youth; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Environmental Issues; Health and Healthcare; Higher Education/Employment; Housing and Homeless Issues; Human Services/Social Change; Hunger and Other Food Issues; Information Technology / Libraries; People with Disabilities; Public Safety; Seniors and Aging; Veterans; Women and Girls

D. AWARDS AND HONORS

Does your organization deserve recognition? How about individuals who have contributed much? Some opportunities listed in this section will also bring cash awards, trips, publicity and/or free consultation services that will feed your cause.

In this issue:

Teachers, Service-Learning Leaders

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES

In this section, you will find reports and data that inform your work, but that also provide the hard data needed in writing winning grant proposals. A quick read here will let you know the gist of the report, and links take you to free downloads. Many nonprofit leaders cut and paste to a word processor file the notes on reports that interest them, for quick access. Or, they simply save the entire pdf.

In this issue:

Many resources, big variety

F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS for staff and customers

We search for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at this email address: kasmith@utah.gov.

In this issue:

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Now, the nitty gritty—plus links:

A. TIPS (*Timely tips, and sometimes mini-lessons*)

SECURITY MATTERS (a lot)

The news is full of scary headlines, dealing with security at airlines, computer hacking, tiny lapses resulting in disaster, and old fashioned break-ins. What's a small organization, on a small budget, to do? No longer can any organization hide behind smallness and budget constraints. According to the Symantec Threat Report, 82% of all serious computer threats could be avoided with simple processes, outlined below. Burglars will tell you that they go for profitable items to steal, but definitely choose the low-hanging fruit, breaking in where locks are weak, and there is no alarm system. Often overlooked are employees and volunteers: do you always do due diligence, in checking their background and references? Liability is as real for a small organization as it is for a large one, and no one wants to let down customers, donors and investors by making them or their data vulnerable, or by losing valuable assets.

Start by looking hard at your organization, your facility and your computers and other electronics. Read the owner's manuals on your security, encryption and virus protection software. Decide where you might be vulnerable, and shore it up. Below is a summary of advice to get you started, and some online resources that are free and reliable. Then, take it from there. Get expert help if you need it, because this article is only designed as a wakeup call, and not as anywhere near all you need.

Some Common Threats

1. Malicious Code

Install and use anti-virus programs, anti-spyware programs, and firewalls on all computers in your business. Moreover, ensure that all computer software is up-to-date and contains the most recent patches (i.e., operating system, anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-adware, firewall and office automation software). Make sure everyone using your computers knows how to check to see that it is turned on. Employ updates and patches.

2. Stolen or Lost Electronic Devices

Buy and use encryption software. Establish good policies for transporting and using all devices, including thumb drives and smart phones. Keep an active inventory, so that you know where your devices are at all times. Remember that it is hard or impossible to "erase" all data from computer hard drives, scanners, etc. and you need to have careful policy and procedures for disposing of old devices. How are the locks on your doors? How often are they re-keyed? Is there an alarm system?

3. Spear (and Other) Phishing

Train all employees and volunteers to never reply to an email asking for passwords or other personal or security information. Remember that some of this email will look like it is internal, or from trusted correspondents. It is better to contact directly rather than hit "reply" if any sensitive information is involved.

4. Wireless Internet Networks (Unsecured)

Make sure the default password is changed often and make sure you encrypt your wireless network with WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access). It is more effective than WEP.

5. Disgruntled Employee and Insider Attacks

Again, check carefully before you hire, and before you use a volunteer. Then employee the principal of internal controls: divide critical functions and responsibilities among employees within the organization, limiting the possibility that one individual could commit sabotage or fraud without the help of other employees within the organization. Use strong passwords, change them every 90 days, and immediately revoke all computer rights as soon as an employee leaves.

Helpful Links:

U S Small Business Administration (SBA)
Computer Security Workshops (free)

<http://www.sba.gov/community/blogs/free-computer-security-workshops-small-business-owners>

Check out a franchise opportunity

<http://www.sba.gov/community/blogs/community-blogs/small-business-matters/investigating-franchise-opportunity-how-little>

Stay Safe Online, National Cyber Security Alliance

<http://staysafeonline.org/>

Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Securities, "Before You Invest"
Information for investors

<http://securities.utah.gov/investors/index.html>

Check out an investment on line

<http://securities.utah.gov/investors/before.html>

B. NEWS *(Nonprofit news and trends.) Click link for whole story*

HOTLINE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DATA BREACH INFORMATION

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has established a hotline for concerned citizens to call for information on the data breach that compromised peoples' personal information earlier this year.

The number is 1-855-238-3339. The number is toll free, is staffed 24/7, and offers information in English and Spanish.

HEALTHCARE INFORMATION / SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced \$4.9 million in Affordable Care Act funding to support Family-to-Family Health Information Centers, primarily non-profit organizations run by and for families with children with special health care needs. This funding will support 51 centers, one in each state and the District of Columbia. Each grantee will receive \$95,700. A list of awards can be found at www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120523familyvoices.html

For more information on the program, and other HRSA maternal and child health programs, visit <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>.

HEALTH CENTERS

Federally-funded health centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance. You pay what you can afford, based on your income. Health centers provide

- checkups when you're well
- treatment when you're sick
- complete care when you're pregnant
- immunizations and checkups for your children
- dental care and prescription drugs for your family
- mental health and substance abuse care if you need it

Health centers are in most cities and many rural areas. There are 37 in Utah. This website has a locator, to find the health center closest to you.

http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx

HOUSING RECOVERY

In June, the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University published its latest "State of the Nation's Housing" (2012) which reviews signs of recovery in market rate for-sale and rental housing. Cost burdens have increased for both owners and renters. The gap between the number of low-income renters and the supply of affordable, available, and adequate units continues to widen.

<http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/sites/jchs.harvard.edu/files/son2012.pdf>

COLLEGE GRADUATES LEAD JOB GROWTH RECOVERY

A Georgetown University study has found that as of February 2012, 7 percent of college graduates were unemployed and 14 percent were underemployed, compared with 24 percent and 42 percent, respectively, among those with a high school diploma or less. It also found that the number of job losses decreased with additional years of education, and the most educated saw a 2.2 million net gain in the number of jobs since before the recession.

<http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/CollegeAdvantage.FullReport.081512.pdf>

SCHOOLS SCRAMBLE TO PROVIDE HEALTHIER CHOICES

When students head back to school this fall, most will be offered a smorgasbord of healthier foods in lunch lines. The reason: New government nutrition standards for school meals go into effect this year, raising the bar for the first time in more than 15 years. Schools must meet the standards to get federal meal reimbursements. Many school districts are doing major overhauls. But some have already made significant improvements in nutritional quality of meals over the last few years, and this year they're upping their game.

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/story/2012-08-11/school-lunch-standards/56946390/1>

C. FUNDING, GRANTS & RESOURCES *(Annotated list of some currently available grants and resources.)*



Animals

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / PETS

Letters of Interest (LOIs) are invited from national organizations that provide direct services to ailing children and adults, veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them.

LOIs must include most recent IRS tax-exempt status letter and brief history and goals of the applicant organization; description of the program to be funded and the organization's involvement with the issues it seeks to address; a summary of activities for which the organization requests support; an outline of the organization's objectives, anticipated outcomes and implications. Please include the approximate starting date of the program, the duration that the funding will cover, amount of funding needed, other sources of support, and current contact information of the person responsible for communicating with the Foundation. Following Amie's Place Foundation Board review, qualified organizations will be invited to submit a complete application package.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.amiesplacefoundation.org/html/apply.html>

ANIMAL SHELTERS / DATA KEEPING

Coalitions of animal groups operating in any county, region or state in the United States with a human population of 100,000 or greater are eligible to apply for grants. This is not a funding opportunity for an individual animal group. The data collection and reporting needs to be community based. Animal groups located in Maddie's Fund-supported project areas are not eligible to apply for this grant. Grant size: \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.

Contact: http://www.maddiesfund.org/Grant_Giving/Shelter_Data_Grants.html

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Arts, Culture and the Humanities

VISUAL ARTS the NEA Web site.

Contact: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Visualarts.html>

NOTE: The link for this grant competition is not alone on this page—there are more offerings. If you are interested in visual arts grants, bookmark this page. If you are interested in other arts, bookmark <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

ARTS AND MUSEUM GRANTS / STATE OF UTAH

The Utah Division of Arts and Museums offers small grants and competitions. Bookmark this page: <http://artsandmuseums.utah.gov>

LATINO ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC) funds projects where artistic activity supports, preserves or extends the cultural practices between two or more countries in the US, Mexico and Central America. Projects designed to teach, preserve or demonstrate the ways in which transnational cultural remittances occur and influence communities in the three regions could be considered for a project grant. Artists, collectives and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in any of these countries may apply for projects taking place between now and December 15, 2012. Open right now are the Transnational Cultural Remittances Grants, but this website can be watched for other grants related to the arts and Latin America

Fiscal Year 2013 Guidelines for the NALAC Fund for the Arts and the Transnational Cultural Remittances Programs are available online.

Deadline: November 5, 2012

http://www.nalac.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=12&Itemid=231

MUSIC

Chamber Music America sponsors grants for musicians. Their website lists them, along with deadlines and application information. Currently, they are accepting nominations for the 2013 CMAAclains Award. Applications are due September 30, 2012. Click on "Opportunity Listing" to see many more grants available with deadlines in August and beyond.

<http://www.chamber-music.org>

MUSIC EDUCATION

The [Mockingbird Foundation, Inc.](http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org) offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to support music education for children. Especially recently, many apply for these grants, so only about 1% of applicants are funded, but the application is straightforward and relatively easy to submit, so it may still be worth the effort. They have completed review of proposals for their 15th round of competitive grants, and are now accepting **inquiries for the 16th round, with funding anticipated by year-end 2012. Awards are from \$100.00 to \$5,000.00.** Numerous tips and guidelines are offered on the website—read it all. Here are a couple of pages to get you started:

Guidelines: <http://mbird.org/funding/guidelines/>

Funding Information: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/>

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The [Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation](http://www.mrholland.org) donates both new and refurbished instruments to school and after-school music programs in the United States that lack the resources to keep up with equipment loss due to attrition, depreciation, and wear over time, and to accommodate students on waiting lists or who have to share instruments.

The foundation funds instrument repair and the acquisition of new instruments. It does not provide cash grants. Priority is given to music programs serving low-income communities, programs with little or no budget for musical instruments, and music programs that serve the most students out of the school population.

Applications are made available by invitation only. Potential applicants must first submit an online pre-qualification form to be considered for an invitation. Pre-qualification forms will be available at the foundation's Web site until **September 14, 2012**.

Information and forms: <http://www.mhopus.org/Apply>

Website: <http://www.mhopus.org/>

YOUNG SINGERS / OPERATIC

Awards of up to \$11,000 will be given to talented singers in the early stages of professional careers to be used for any career-related purpose. The Sullivan Foundation is looking for exceptionally talented young singers who are taking first steps in professional careers. Applicants must be in the early stages of their careers, and have completed their academic training. They should have sung at least one engagement with a known opera company, symphony orchestra, or other organization utilizing full orchestral accompaniment, and must submit [our application form](#) with a one-page resume, a photo, a recommendation written specifically for the Sullivan application, and a copy of a contract or letter of intent for a future professional operatic or full-orchestra concert engagement (not a cover) following the November auditions.

<http://www.sullivanfoundation.org/>

TARGET ARTS + CULTURE IN SCHOOLS GRANTS

Art, Culture + Design in Schools Grants are \$2,000. Grant applications are typically accepted between March 1 and April 30 each year, with grant notifications delivered in September.

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819>

ARTS PROGRAMS

The Barnes and Noble Corporate Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, and education (pre-K-12) in the communities where company stores are located. While they do not offer grants, they may donate books or help sponsor events. Sponsored organizations must be willing to work with the local stores on in-store programming. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Local and regional organizations should submit proposals to the community relations manager or store manager at the local Barnes & Noble store.

Contact: http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html



Community and Economic Development

CHALLENGE GRANTS / CAPITAL FACILITIES

The Kresge Foundation awards grants to small, mid-size, and large nonprofit organizations in six fields of interest: health, the environment, community development, arts and culture, education, and human services. Working with grantees, Kresge works to improve the life circumstances and opportunities for poor, disadvantaged and marginalized individuals, families, and communities.

Grant seekers may apply online for facilities capital in the form of a [challenge grant](#). All other granting and investing methods are determined by the foundation based on the particular needs of a given organization and project.

Be sure to read all the web pages, including the values criteria.

<http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/index/>

SERVICE-LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

State Farm Companies Foundation awards a variety of small grants, most with an orientation to service-learning, and some designed to develop communities.

<http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/partner/partner.asp>

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Kroger Company Foundation makes grants to nonprofits and primary schools to feed the hungry, support breast cancer initiatives, provide disaster relief and assist local grassroots organizations. The foundation website is

http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm Application is made through Local Retail Division Offices and they recommend projects to the foundation; for Utah the Local Retail Division Office is: **Smith's Food & Drug Centers, Inc.**, 1550 South Redwood Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84104

801/974-1400

CHECK OUT "DO SOMETHING"

Sign up for a campaign and earn a chance to win a scholarship. A couple of samples are below, but don't miss the main page.

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

YOUTH / COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Do Something Plum awards: Applicants must be under the age of 25 to qualify for a \$500 grant to do something worthwhile in their community. These projects are for sustainable community action projects, programs or organizations. See the website for details. The application process is fun and easy.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.dosomething.org/sharesomething/fund-your-project/plum-guidelines>

YOUTH / COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Do Something Disaster Grants: Applicants must be under the age of 25 to qualify for a \$500 grant to do something worthwhile in their community. These projects focused on disaster preparedness, emergency response, rebuilding after a disaster and supporting our troops. They give our awards once a week! There are no deadlines so apply now! You will be notified within 2-3 months after submission if you won. See website for details.

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster>

LOWES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Lowe's recommends that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event. Lowe's Community and Educational Foundation grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

You must first take the Eligibility Test to confirm that your needs match with LCEF guidelines. To do so [Click here for Eligibility Quiz](#) or go to:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=3659&x_quiz_id=4378&x_order_by=1

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Many requests are made to Daniels Fund each year, so it is important to follow the website's advice, and be sure that your project aligns with Daniels Fund

They have a great brochure that describes things well, downloadable at <http://www.danielsfund.org>.

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

CHILD SAFETY, DISASTER RELIEF, SUSTAINABILITY

FedEx Charitable Contributions go to their core giving areas of emergency and disaster relief, child pedestrian safety, and sustainability. Organizations must show involvement of Fedex employees as volunteers to qualify for financial support. It is helpful to show that the program

benefits minorities and disaster relief. Few unsolicited requests are supported.

Deadline: ongoing basis

<http://about.fedex.designcdt.com>.



Diversity

JUSTICE / ADVOCACY

Public Welfare Foundation provides grants for services to disadvantaged populations in the areas of criminal and juvenile justice, and workers' rights. The Public Welfare Foundation has a **two-step application process** that includes both a **letter of inquiry (LOI)** and a **full proposal**. They accept inquiries throughout the year; it generally takes four to six months to process a successful grant application. Proposal Deadlines are October 12, 2012 and February 15, 2013.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

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PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

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Education (K-12) and Other Programs for Children and Youth

TEACHER DISCOUNTS and REWARDS

This is a partial list, but indicative of what is out there. When shopping for classroom materials, it is often valuable to just ask if there are discounts or deals. Some programs extend to home schools and after-school programs. Some companies, nonprofits and professional organizations also offer free downloadable helps, lesson plans and materials, which may be as good as a discount or a grant. Do not overlook UEN <http://www.uen.org/> and Pioneer <http://pioneer-library.org/>.

1. Barnes and Noble <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bn-at-school/index.asp>

2. Borders http://www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView_teachingzone-teacherbenefits

3. JoAnn Fabric and Crafts

http://www.joann.com/joann/common/content_custservice.jsp?catName=teacherRewards

4. Kinkos/FedEx <https://psg.kinkos.com/educator/>

5. Office Max <https://www.officemaxperks.com/LearnMoreTeachers.aspx>

6. Staples

<http://www.staplesrewardscenter.com/SORC/UserManagement/Login/LearnTeachersRewards.aspx>

StaplesTeacher Appreciation Day <http://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/tad/index.html>

7. Edutopia also has a column on the subject, with links to resources. It was posted last year, but is reported to be current: <http://www.edutopia.org/node/22514>

TEACHER GRANTS / INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Grants between \$100 and \$500 will be awarded to K-12 teachers in the U.S. working to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students.

An annual initiative of the [Kids In Need Foundation](#), the Kids In Need Teacher Grants program provides grants to K-12 educators working to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The grants are funded by retail and education credit union sponsors.

Teacher grant applications will be judged according to a rubric that emphasizes innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness. Projects may qualify for funding if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie non-traditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities.

All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are eligible to apply. The foundation does not fund preschool projects.

Teacher grant awards range from \$100 to \$500. Typically, two hundred to three hundred grants are awarded each year. The program's retail and credit union sponsors make the grant applications available at their outlets during the back-to-school season. Applications from the sponsors are also available on the Kids In Need Foundation Web site. Applications will be available on-line July 15 through September 30, 2012.

<http://www.kinf.org/grants/index.php>

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A collaborative effort between [EarthEcho International](#) and the [NEA Foundation](#), the Water Planet Challenge grant program supports student service-learning programs designed to help improve the health of our water planet.

The Water Planet Challenge Grants are available in the form of NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants to middle and high school public educators.

Interested applicants must cite specifically how they are utilizing EarthEcho's [Water Planet Challenge Action Guides](#) in the classroom with their students. From conserving energy and improving the quality of drinking water to understanding the impact of the Gulf Oil spill, the Water Planet Challenge's collection of action guides, videos, lesson plans, and service-learning materials are intended to help educators connect with students and jumpstart student awareness and involvement in affecting change.

Grants are in the amount of \$2,000. The online application process for this grant is the same as all NEA Foundation \$2,000 Student Achievement Grants. Applicants should designate their grant application for consideration for the Water Planet Challenge Grant program.

Deadline: October 15, 2012

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/nea-foundation-earthecho-%20grants/>

SCIENCE EDUCATION

More than \$90,000 in equipment, cash grants, and other resources will be awarded to middle and high school science teachers in the U.S. and Canada who have created replicable approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited resources.

Deadline: November 12, 2012

<http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>

LITERACY / CHILDREN

Build-a-Bear also gives literacy and education grants for specific programs with measurable outcomes. These might include summer reading programs, early childhood education programs and literacy programs for children with special needs.

Deadlines: Ongoing

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

TARGET STORE GRANTS

Vary locally.

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819>

TARGET FIELD TRIP GRANTS

Teachers may apply. As part of the program, each Target store will award three Target Field Trip Grants to K—12 schools nationwide—enabling one in 25 schools throughout the U.S. to send a classroom on a field trip. Each grant is valued up to \$700. Applications must be submitted online via this website to Scholarship America between August 1, 2012 at 12:01 a.m. CT and October 1, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. CT. No emailed or hard copy paper applications will be accepted

Deadline: October 3, 2012

<https://targetfieldtripgrants.target.com/rules.php>

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards to charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. National Gardening Association (NGA) selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators.

Any nonprofit garden program may apply. In the past, winners have included schools, churches, correctional facilities, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and many others. These are groups turning slim resources into bountiful gardens with far-reaching benefits, from increasing their community's access to fresh nutritious foods to educating the public about the importance of gardening in our nation's history.

This Grant is closed for 2012 but look for it to open up again early next spring. Deadlines are usually February-March.

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>

YOUTH GARDENING

The National Gardening Association partners with other entities to offer support for kid gardeners. Here are just some of their programs:

1. Partnering with The Home Depot, NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Please visit the [National Gardening](#)

[Association's Web site](#) for more information or to apply. The application cycle is closed for this year, but look for it again in the spring.

<http://assoc.garden.org/grants/>

2. Other grants are listed on the website even if the applications are not currently open.

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-awards>

Begin the process now:

1. Sign up and register with Kidsgardening.org:

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/user/register>

2. Log into your new account:

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/user/login>

3. Navigate to the Grants and Fundraising page:

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-awards>

Select the grant you would like to apply for, then click the blue apply button.

MUSIC EDUCATION

The [Mockingbird Foundation, Inc.](#) offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to support music education for children. Especially recently, many apply for these grants, so only about 1% of applicants are funded, but the application is straightforward and relatively easy to submit, so it may still be worth the effort. Numerous tips and guidelines are offered on the website—read it all. Here are a couple of pages to get you started:

Guidelines: <http://mbird.org/funding/guidelines/>

Funding Information: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/>

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER RELIEF, HEALTH

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FAMILY LITERACY

The Barbara Bush Foundation offers national grants as well as localized ones. Utah organizations can apply for the national grant competition. The grants are for the development or expansion of projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy grant process is now complete for the 2012-2013 academic year. The application process for the 2013-2014 funding cycle will begin January 2013.

To stay up to date on our grants and other Foundation news, please be sure to “Like” us on

Facebook <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4344531/k.BD31/Home.htm>

LITERACY / CHILDREN

Several publishers have matching grants for books for literacy programs. It is worth asking. One company with a formal plan is Usborne Books, <http://www.literacyforalifetime.org/>.

Scholastic offers free and reduced price books to schools that host book fairs.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/>

LITERACY PROGRAMS

The Barnes and Noble Corporate Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, and education (pre K-12) in the communities where company stores are located. While they do not offer grants, they may donate books or help sponsor events. Sponsored organizations must be willing to work with the local stores on in-store programming. Requests are

accepted throughout the year. Local and regional organizations should submit proposals to the community relations manager or store manager at the local Barnes & Noble store.

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html

SCHOOLS / ONE-TIME PROJECTS

Lowe's will distribute a total of \$5,000,000 to approximately 1000 public schools or public school parent groups this year, focusing on one-time projects. The program prioritizes funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored.

Grants may be requested for amounts up to \$5,000.

Deadline: October 12, 2012 OR at the date that 1500 applications are received, so apply soon.

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

LEXUS AND SCHOLASTIC ECO CHALLENGE

Grants and scholarships will be awarded to middle and high schoolers, their teachers, and their schools in recognition of student-led efforts to address environmental issues in their communities. The website also has teaching resources.

Deadline: Various

<http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>

LOWES EDUCATION GRANTS

Lowe's recommends that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event. Lowe's Community and Educational Foundation grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

You must first take the Eligibility Test to confirm that your needs match with LCEF guidelines. To do so [Click here for Eligibility Quiz](#) or go to:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=3659&x_quiz_id=4378&x_order_by=1

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS – apply in early spring

Each year, the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards will select outstanding projects from submissions from elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and community groups (such as scouts). Each school or group awarded with the Environmental Excellence Award will be nationally recognized, receive \$10,000 to go toward their project and an expense paid trip for 6 participants to the Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony at one of our SeaWorld or Busch Gardens parks.

Check this website for next year's Excellence Awards. If the pattern holds, that will be January or February.

<http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

NOTE: The webpage also offers downloadable teaching resources.

EDUCATION / HIGHER ED

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They have a great brochure that describes things well, downloadable at

http://www.danielsfund.org/_Assets/files/2011_Grants_Brochure.pdf

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

www.danielsfund.org

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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Those who apply must be:

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Government entities.

Individuals are not considered.

Deadline: Preliminary Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / DISASTER RESPONSE / EDUCATION / ENVIRONMENT

State Farm awards charitable contributions to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, educational institutions, governmental entities, and Canadian charitable organizations. Funding priorities are Community Involvement (including education and a number of other issues) and Disaster Response. The State Farm grant cycle is from January 2 through August 15. One proposal per organization per year may be considered.

Deadline: August 15, 2013

<http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/education/education.asp>

COMMUNITY ISSUES / EDUCATION

Verizon's core initiatives are: 1. Education and Literacy 2. Health Care and 3. Sustainability. There are many sub-topics. Visit the website for a myriad of opportunities.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/>

WALMART

Everyone asks Wal-Mart, and many of their grants are small, but there are many, many grants given each year. Often, local stores work through school districts for local giving, so check with your school district office first.

Wal-Mart Foundation: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/203.aspx>

CHECK OUT "DO SOMETHING"

A couple of samples are below, but don't miss the main page.

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

YOUTH / COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Do Something Plum awards: Applicants must be under the age of 25 to qualify for a \$500 grant to do something worthwhile in their community. These projects are for sustainable community action projects, programs or organizations. See the website for details. The application process is fun and easy.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.dosomething.org/sharesomething/fund-your-project/plum-guidelines>

YOUTH / COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Do Something Disaster Grants: Applicants must be under the age of 25 to qualify for a \$500 grant to do something worthwhile in their community. These projects must be related to disaster preparation or response. See the website for details. The application process is fun and easy; one award will be made each week on a rolling basis. David Archuleta has a video posted on their website, to help explain how it works.

How many are you giving out?: One a week!

Types of projects this grant funds: Projects focused on disaster preparedness, emergency response, rebuilding after a disaster and supporting our troops.

Deadline: None! Apply now! You will be notified within 2-3 months after submission if you won.

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster>

PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS

Best Buy Children's Foundation: Nonprofits [with IRS 501(c)(3) status] may apply for grants that support positive experiences that will empower early adolescents (primarily ages 12-17) to excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop life and leadership skills.

Typically, applications are accepted during the month of **July** each year.

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_foundation.htm

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants_rfp.htm

GRANTS LIST

The Grants4teachers site allows educators to search a database of federal, state and private foundations and grants available to schools and non-profit organizations. They do, however, capture your email address and also sell advertisements, so visitors need to use caution and discretion. This can be useful if you are not close to a Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, though it is not as easy to use (see entry below this one). The site also collects grant writing tips from contributors.

<http://www.grants4teachers.com/>

EDUTOPIA GRANTS LISTS AND INFORMATION

This is a good list of general places to look, with links. The George Lucas Educational Foundation is a nonprofit operating foundation and is not a grant-making organization but this has a great resource list.

<http://www.edutopia.org/grant-information-resources-to-get-you-started>

<http://www.edutopia.org>

FOUNDATION CENTER COOPERATING COLLECTIONS

These are searchable data bases of foundations and grants, made available by the Foundation Center on a subscription basis. Libraries generally offer them for free; you may have to be a member or pay a fee to use them elsewhere. In Utah, try:

[SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY](#)

Gerald R. Sherratt Library
351 W. University Blvd.
Cedar City, UT 84720
(435) 586-7700

[GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

257 E. Center St.
Moab, UT 84532
(435) 259-5421

[UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN UTAH](#)

Zada Haws Community Grant Center
2955 Harrison Blvd., Ste. 201

Ogden, UT 84403
(801) 399-5584

SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.slcppl.lib.ut.us

210 E. 400 S.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

(801) 524-8200

(Go to the third floor—a librarian will show you how to search for foundations that share your goals.)

UTAH NONPROFITS ASSOCIATION

<http://utahnonprofits.org>

175 S. Main St., Ste. 1210

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

(801) 596-1800



Emergency Preparedness and Response

CHILD SAFETY, DISASTER RELIEF, SUSTAINABILITY

FedEx Charitable Contributions go to their core giving areas of emergency and disaster relief, child pedestrian safety, and sustainability. Organizations must show involvement of Fedex employees as volunteers to qualify for financial support. It is helpful to show that the program benefits minorities and disaster relief. Few unsolicited requests are supported.

Deadline: ongoing basis

<http://about.fedex.designcdt.com>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / DISASTER RESPONSE / EDUCATION / ENVIRONMENT

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Deadline: Check the site below next January.

<http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/education/education.asp>

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER RELIEF, HEALTH

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Environmental Issues

WILDLIFE / WILDLAND PROTECTION

Wilburforce Foundation

Grants will be awarded to wildlife and wildland protection programs in priority regions, including the Southwest Crescent (which reaches into parts of Utah), and for programs related to regional conservation science. Applicants must first contact a staff person. See <http://www.wilburforce.org>

EDUCATION / ENVIRONMENT

Intel's main grant focus is education. Their website has an online survey which qualifies you for the grant application; be sure you read guidelines first. Schools and non-profit organizations seeking grant support are welcome to inquire about the potential for an Intel community grant. Please note, however, very limited funds are available for unsolicited grant requests since community grant decisions are usually made up to a year in advance. Priority is given to grants supporting education programs supporting the teaching and learning of science, mathematics, engineering and science (STEM). Intel reviews grant inquiries on a quarterly basis. If your program or project is aligned with Intel's funding priorities, you will be invited to submit a formal proposal

Recipients need to be in an Intel community; Salt Lake City area qualifies.

Contact: <http://www.intel.com/community/grant.htm>

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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<http://www.kresge.org/programs/health>

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments>

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 **Health and Healthcare**

CHILDREN / HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Build-a-Bear Foundation provides direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness such as childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations and organizations that serve children with special needs. The goal is to provide grants to help many programs that are working hard to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids.

Deadlines: Ongoing

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

DENTAL CARE FOR UNDERSERVED CHILDREN

The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is offering matching grants of up to \$20,000 through its Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children program. The funds will be awarded to nonprofits, government agencies, educational institutions, and other groups working to improve dental care for underserved children. This year's application deadline is past, but information about the next cycle will be available on the following website:

<http://www.aapd.org/foundation>

HEALTHCARE / CHILDREN

If a UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation Medical Assistance grant is awarded, grants can vary considerably. The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity dedicated to facilitating access to medical-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance either the clinical condition or the quality of life of the child and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. This "support" is in the form of a medical grant to be used for medical services not covered or not completely covered by commercial health benefit plans. The website has some really useful FAQs.

<http://www.uhccf.org/apply.html>

HEALTHCARE

The Regence Foundation works to transform health care and address core problems in our health care system with innovative solutions. To achieve this, they fund two program areas: Building Healthier Communities and End of Life Care. The first step is an online eligibility quiz.

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed quarterly

<http://www.regencefoundation.org/grants.html>

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Deadline: Preliminary Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments>.

HEALTH CARE / BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

The Utah Cancer Control Program (UCCP) provides free or low-cost screenings to men and women ages 50-64. Women ages 40-49 are also available for some low-cost screenings. Eligibility is determined by household size and income. Even people with insurance may qualify for some services. Information on screening for colorectal cancer is on the same page.

<http://www.cancerutah.org/>

See if you qualify/ make an appointment for screening: 1-800-717-1811 (Be patient; you may be on hold for a while.)

SAFETY AND HEALTH / EDUCATION

Verizon's core initiatives are: 1. Education and Literacy 2. Health Care and 3. Sustainability. There are many sub-topics. Visit the website for a myriad of opportunities.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/>

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Kroger Company Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits to feed the hungry, support breast cancer initiatives, provide disaster relief, assist local grassroots organizations and support programs in primary schools. The foundation website is http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm with specific information at <http://www.thekrogerco.com> Application is made through Local Retail Division Offices and they recommend projects to the foundation; for Utah the Local Retail Division Office is: **Smith's Food & Drug Centers, Inc.**, 1550 South Redwood Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84104 801/974-1400

HEALTHCARE FOR UNINSURED

CVS Caremark offers grants to support children with disabilities and healthcare for the uninsured.

Deadline: Oct 31, 2012

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants>

HEALTH CARE / MS

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Brighter Tomorrow grants provide individuals with MS with goods or services (valued at up to **\$1,000** per recipient) to improve their quality of life by enhancing safety, self-sufficiency, comfort, or well-being. Recipients have received car repairs, ramps, wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses, computers, appliances, televisions, furniture, therapeutic equipment, hobby supplies, retreats, and various home modifications.

Deadline: Applications are accepted from June 1 to September 1 of each year.

Brighter Tomorrow Grants: <http://www.msfocus.org/Brighter-Tomorrow-Grant.aspx>

<http://www.msfacts.org/news-details.aspx?newsID=64>

Other grants and resources:

<http://www.msfocus.org/programs-activities.aspx>

COMPUTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

The Computer Grant Program provides refurbished laptop or desktop computers for individuals with MS on limited or fixed incomes. The application process requires verification of a diagnosis of MS and a brief essay from the applicant explaining how a computer will enhance their quality of life. Internet access and technical support will be the responsibility of the grant recipient. Applications are accepted from July 1 to October 1 of each year.

If you would like to apply for a Brighter Tomorrow grant, simply fill out our online application, print an application, or call 888-673-6287 to receive an application by mail. Applications are accepted from June 1 to September 1 of each year. For further information on the *Brighter Tomorrow* grant, call our

Program Services Department at **1-888-MSFOCUS** or you can contact us by email:
support@msfocus.org.
<http://www.msfocus.org/Computer-Grant-Program.aspx> [http://www.msfacts.org/news-
 details.aspx?newsID=64](http://www.msfacts.org/news-details.aspx?newsID=64)

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER RELIEF, HEALTH

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RESEARCH and CARE / PEDIATRIC CANCER

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation](http://www.alexlemonade.org), a not-for-profit foundation that evolved from a young cancer patient's front yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer, is accepting applications.

Medical Grants are for research and for finding better care practices. Two categories are available right now, Epidemiology, "A" Award, Innovation, Program Infrastructure and Young Investigation . See <http://www.alexlemonade.org/grants/medical> .

The Nursing Grant Program is designed to encourage nursing research at all levels of practice. For each of the program's three funding categories, proposals must include plans to disseminate and share findings to improve nursing care for children with cancer. Applications are now closed, but watch the website.

On the website, there are also downloadable resources, including information on childhood cancer, and there is a Gift Shop, where you can purchase items with Alex's logo, with profits benefitting the charity.

Deadlines: Nurse Researcher Grant Applications: Check the site below early next summer

'A' Award Application: Due September 17, 2012 11:59 PM ET

Epidemiology Application: Due December 17, 2012 11:59 PM ET

Contact: <http://www.alexlemonade.org/grants/submission-information>

CHILDHOOD AGRICULTURAL DISEASE AND INJURY

The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety will award four or five mini-grants to support small-scale projects and pilot studies that address prevention of childhood agricultural disease and injury.

Deadline: Aug 20, 2012

http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/default.aspx?page=nccrahs_minigrants

RESEARCH / CAUSES AND PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is offering research grants in six categories, open to investigators at all levels and all academic disciplines. Grants will support research into the causes and prevention of suicide.

2012 GRANT APPLICATION AND REVIEW CYCLE

| REVIEW CYCLE | DUE DATE | REVIEW DATES | FUNDING DECISIONS | EARLIEST START DATE |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| All Grant Mechanisms | November 15 | April 11 & 12 | End of May | July (Post Doc) ----- Oct. (Other Grants) |

Submit Grant Applications Only to: grants@afsp.org

(Paper submission no longer accepted. CD submission no longer required.)

http://www.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page_ID=0535FDA2-FA7D-AAE8-D7A9A6BCFFE3574B

HEARING RESEARCH

The National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation will award grants of approximately \$20,000 each, primarily in the form of Seed Money, for exploration into innovative biomedical research areas in the preventions, causes, treatments and cures of hearing loss and deafness. NOHR encourages proposals related to biological restoration of hearing. When NOHR offers Seed Money grants for 2013, the Request for Applications will be posted as a link from Current Grant Applications on the Home page, and the Research Awards Application 2013 will be available to be downloaded
<http://nohrfoundation.org/2011awards>

HEALTH AND WELLNESS ISSUES

While you may be familiar with giving programs through your local Wal-Mart store, do not overlook regional and national giving programs for larger projects. There are four main areas of focus: Education, Diversity / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness and Environmental Sustainability.

National Giving Program: (Letters of Inquiry only)

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8782.aspx?p=8979>

State Giving Program: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx>

Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Programs:

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/238.aspx?p=8979>

CHILDREN / SPECIFIED SERVICES

Ronald McDonald House Charities gives grants to national or global organizations that help children's health and well-being in a very significant way and include a train-the-trainer component.. This grant is not easy to get if you are a small organization with local reach.

Deadlines: *RMHC will be accepting applications from now until August 31, 2012. At that point, they will review the applications and ask the top 12 to submit a full proposal to RMHC. Those 12 will be reviewed and selected grants will be approved on December 3, 2012.*

<http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/grants/>

 Higher Education / Employment

SEE Hiring Incentives, under Special Resources

EDUCATION / HIGHER ED

Many requests are made to Daniels Fund each year, so it is important to follow the website's advice, and be sure that your project aligns with Daniels Fund

They have a great brochure that describes things well, downloadable at

http://www.danielsfund.org/Assets/files/2011_Grants

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

www.danielsfund.org

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT / ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Programs:

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/238.aspx?p=8979>

LITERACY

Dollar General offers a variety of literacy grants.

http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx



Housing and Homeless Issues

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

American Express gives grants for "visionary not-for-profit organizations that are: [Historic Preservation & Conservation](#), [Leadership](#) and [Community Service & Engagement](#) in communities where company employees and customers live and work.

<http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/howto.aspx>



Human Services / Social Change

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / PETS

Letters of Interest (LOIs) are invited from national organizations that provide direct services to ailing children and adults, veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them.

LOIs must include most recent IRS tax-exempt status letter and brief history and goals of the applicant organization; description of the program to be funded and the organization's involvement with the issues it seeks to address; a summary of activities for which the organization requests support; an outline of the organization's objectives, anticipated outcomes and implications. Please include the approximate starting date of the program, the duration that the funding will cover, amount of funding needed, other sources of support, and current contact information of the person responsible for communicating with the Foundation. Following Amie's Place Foundation Board review, qualified organizations will be invited to submit a complete application package.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.amiesplacefoundation.org/html/apply.html>

RESEARCH / SOCIAL CHANGE

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation specifically supports research that focuses on impacting civic participation, community organizing, crime and law, education, health, housing, immigration, labor organizing, and language/literacy. The Foundation supports projects that address institutional rather than individual or behavioral change. It seeks to fund research and initiatives that provide insight into sociological and linguistic issues that can be useful to specific groups and or communities.

Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 will be awarded by the Sociological Initiatives Foundation to nonprofits, academic institutions, and individuals in the U.S. and its territories doing sociological and linguistic research at the institutional level.

Deadlines are past for this year; next year's cycle is expected to be announced next June at the website below.

http://www.sifoundation.org/?page_id=2



Hunger and Other Food Issues

HUNGER

While you may be familiar with giving programs through your local Wal-Mart store, do not overlook state level giving programs for larger projects. There are four main areas of focus: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness and Environmental Sustainability. The current initiative is Hunger, and it must fit with one or more of the focus areas.

State Giving Program: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/9632.aspx>

Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Programs:

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/238.aspx?p=8979>

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/10526.aspx>

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/10527.aspx>

CHILDREN / NUTRITION / HUNGER

The Great American Bake Sale grants are for nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, schools with a valid NCES code, or local government entities that work to ensure children have access to after-school and summer meal programs. Awards range generally from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The goal is to ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical times when they are out of school and particularly vulnerable to hunger.

Also check out their "Participant Kit" for Bake Sales. There are multiple helps for organizing your own fundraiser to fight hunger.

Average Grant Size: \$5,000 - \$10,000 Typically they call for proposals two times per year. Once in the spring, for funding for summer meals programs, and once in the early summer for all of our other program priorities. They accept letters of inquiry at any time, and will notify any eligible organizations of the next available grant opportunity. Letters of Inquiry are accepted year round. Read about the procedure: <http://strength.org/grants/>

General Information: <http://strength.org>

CHILDREN / NUTRITION / HUNGER

The Summer Food Service Program provides funds for free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in low-income areas get the nutrition they need during the summer months. We know, we know—summer is almost over. But there is some lead time needed for this program. This is also an ideal partnership program, where an organization that is fully capable of managing a food service program provides the food for children in summer activities or sports. Although millions of children depend on nutritious free and reduced-price meals and snacks at school for 9 months out of the year, just a fraction of them receive the free meals provided by the SFSP during the summer months.

Then, when they engage in energetic exercise in summer programs, they become exhausted quickly. SFSP sponsors receive payments for serving healthy meals and snacks to children and teenagers, 18 years and younger, at approved sites in low-income areas. Schools, public agencies, and private nonprofit organizations may apply to sponsor the program. Your state education department can tell you where and how to apply. All sponsors receive training before starting the program to learn how to

plan, operate, and monitor a successful food service program. There is also an after-school snack program.

Deadline: Ongoing; apply early

Contact Utah State Office of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/> or for more information <http://www.summerfood.usda.gov/> and <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH / MILK

The Special Milk Program provides milk to children in schools, child care institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other Federal child nutrition meal service programs. The program reimburses schools and institutions for the milk they serve. That rate is usually less than the cost of the milk, but it helps.

For information on the operation of the Special Milk Program and all the Child Nutrition Programs, or to apply, schools and organizations need to contact the State agency responsible for the administration of the programs. For Utah, that is the Utah State Office of Education, Child Nutrition Program, even if your agency is not a public school, but instead a child care agency. Information is available at: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/Special-Milk-Program.aspx> <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/DOCS/SMP/SMP-Handout.aspx>.

And <http://www.fns.usda.gov> or contact your USOE:

SMP Specialist
Child Nutrition Programs
250 East 500 South
P.O. Box 144200
SLC, Utah 84114-4200
(801) 538-7680

SERVICE-LEARNING / CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Grants ranging between \$500 and \$1,000 will be awarded to service-learning programs that engage youth between the ages of 5 and 25 in hands-on projects that address the problem of childhood obesity in their communities. The program invites young people in the United States to become "Health Heroes" by learning about childhood obesity, designing programs to address it, and implementing the programs in their communities.

Deadline: Funding is through for this year but check back at this site beginning January 2013.

<http://www.yasa.org/heroes>

OLDER ADULTS / FOOD INSECURITY

AARP Foundation is offering awards for innovative solutions to the challenge of preventing older adults from experiencing food insecurity.

Deadline: September 20, 2012

<https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933095>

 **Information Technology, Libraries**

LITERACY / CHILDREN

Several publishers have matching grants for books for literacy programs. It is worth asking. One company with a formal plan is Usborne Books, <http://www.literacyforalifetime.org/>.

Scholastic offers free and reduced price books to schools that host book fairs.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/>

MUSEUMS / LIBRARIES / EDUCATION

The Institute for Museum and Library Services offers multiple grants. To see what might match your mission, go to their searchable grants page: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants>. Grants are listed by project type and due date are also found here.

SOFTWARE and TRAINING RESOURCES

Microsoft and other companies provide software to nonprofits and public libraries through Tech Soup. There are restrictions; to review the restrictions, go to this site and click on Microsoft: <http://www.techsoup.org/stock/restrictions.asp#ms>

For general information, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/en-us/community-tools/nonprofits/>

NOTE: Tech Soup offers other resources.

<http://home.techsoup.org/pages/default.aspx>



People with Disabilities

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

CVS Caremark offers grants to support children with disabilities and healthcare for the uninsured.

Deadline: Oct 31, 2012

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants>

HEALTH CARE / MS

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Brighter Tomorrow grants provide individuals with MS with goods or services (valued at up to **\$1,000** per recipient) to improve their quality of life by enhancing safety, self-sufficiency, comfort, or well-being. Recipients have received car repairs, ramps, wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses, computers, appliances, televisions, furniture, therapeutic equipment, hobby supplies, retreats, and various home modifications.

Deadline: Applications are accepted from June 1 to September 1 of each year.

Brighter Tomorrow Grants: <http://www.msfocus.org/Brighter-Tomorrow-Grant.aspx>

<http://www.msfacts.org/news-details.aspx?newsID=64>

Other grants and resources:

<http://www.msfocus.org/programs-activities.aspx>

COMPUTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

The Computer Grant Program provides refurbished laptop or desktop computers for individuals with MS on limited or fixed incomes. The application process requires verification of a diagnosis of MS and a brief essay from the applicant explaining how a computer will enhance their quality of life. Internet access and technical support will be the responsibility of the grant recipient. Applications are accepted from July 1 to October 1 of each year.

If you would like to apply for a Brighter Tomorrow grant, simply fill out our online application, print an application, or call 888-673-6287 to receive an application by mail. Applications are accepted from June 1 to September 1 of each year. For further information on the *Brighter Tomorrow* grant, call our Program Services Department at **1-888-MSFOCUS** or you can contact us by email:

support@msfocus.org.

<http://www.msfocus.org/Computer-Grant-Program.aspx> <http://www.msfacts.org/news-details.aspx?newsID=64>



Public Safety

FIREFIGHTERS

FEMA has a wide variety of grants available for Homes, Businesses, Communities, National Preparedness, Safer Veterans Hiring Program and many more. Visit their website for much more information.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

<http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>



Seniors and Aging

OLDER ADULTS / FOOD INSECURITY

AARP Foundation is offering awards for innovative solutions to the challenge of preventing older adults from experiencing food insecurity.

Deadline: September 20, 2012

<https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933095>



Women and Girls

GRASSROOTS CHARITIES SERVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Grants of \$1,000 to \$40,000 are intended to support community-focused charities that serve the overlooked needs of women, children, and families. Funding will be considered for tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charities that have been incorporated for at least three years and that have total organizational budgets of \$3 million or less. Preference will be given to organizations that are not dependent on government grants and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs.

Deadline: The W.H.O Foundation General Grant Opportunity has been suspended for 2013. Please check back in Summer 2013 for update on status.

<http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/index.asp>

PROJECTS LED BY AND BENEFITTING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities. Open Meadows Foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, sexual identity and expression, age or ability. It offers grants up to \$2000 to projects that:

- * Are designed and implemented by women and girls;
- * Reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization;
- * Promote building community power;
- * Promote gender, racial, social, economic and/or environmental justice; and
- * Have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding.

Organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposals from organizations not previously funded have priority.

Questions and comments can be emailed to openmeadows@igc.org

Next Deadline: February 15, 2013 (typically twice a year)

<http://www.openmeadows.org/>

GIRLS AND WOMEN / FELLOWSHIPS / COMMUNITY ACTION

AAUW (formerly known as American Association of University Women) is offering Community Action grants to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local

community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

The state association's website (which has links to local branches) is <http://www.aauwutah.org/>.

In the past, sponsored projects have included job shadow days, mentoring of middle school and high school girls, field trips to college campuses, college preparation programs, award programs, gallery events, math and science promotion, etc. Many projects have utilized volunteers who are members of the association, sometimes in partnership with schools or other not-for-profit organizations. Local branches are often very good at partnering, as is the state organization.

Deadlines: Vary by opportunity

http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/

D. AWARDS AND HONORS *(Recognition—some with resources.)*

KSL RADIO / ZIONS BANK TEACHER FEATURE

KSL Newsradio and Zions Bank sponsor "Teacher Feature" which highlights outstanding teachers throughout the State of Utah. Winning teachers are announced each Tuesday morning on KSL Radio's Grant and Amanda show.

Each teacher is honored with a plaque from Zions Bank, an overnight stay at Anniversary Inn, a gift certificate for dinner at the beautiful Roof Restaurant and a pair of season tickets from Hale Centre Theater, West Valle. All winners are invited to attend an end of the year banquet at the Roof Restaurant in their honor.

Nominations may be made online, by mail or by FAX.

<http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=191>

SERVICE-LEARNING LEADER AWARDS

Presented annually by the [National Youth Leadership Council](#), the NYLC awards shine a spotlight on exemplary leaders from across the service-learning movement and nurture the leaders of the future. Most awards are presented annually at the National Service-Learning Conference. In the past, deadlines stretched into September, but the schedule has been re-adjusted and the deadlines for this year are past. Check the website below next spring.

<http://www.nylc.org/awards>

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES *(Reports and data. Most download for free.)*

HEALTH CENTERS

Federally-funded health centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance. You pay what you can afford, based on your income. Health centers provide

- checkups when you're well
- treatment when you're sick
- complete care when you're pregnant
- immunizations and checkups for your children
- dental care and prescription drugs for your family
- mental health and substance abuse care if you need it

Health centers are in most cities and many rural areas. There are 37 in Utah. This website has a locator, to find the health center closest to you.

http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN TEENS

The federal agency commonly known as SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) has published a comprehensive report designed to assist high schools, school districts, and their partners design and implement strategies to prevent suicide and promote behavioral health among their students.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA12-4669/SMA12-4669.pdf>

DATA ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Annie E. Casey Foundation produces yearly a comprehensive report, **KIDS COUNT**, that is typically released in July. Their website is valuable year round with loads of searchable data on a state-by-state basis as well as in national summaries for comparisons.

Download complete report (60 pages) and state by state analyses:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Check the database for how Utah kids did in test scores for example, and other data measures compared to other states and the national average. You can also sign up for emails, Facebook and Twitter.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

[The Kellogg Foundation](#) This website offers many resources and tools (click on Knowledge Center). Some are quite wonderful.

<http://www.wkkf.org/>

This is their strategy, rather than offering a robust grant program. Funding goes to partners, who then provide specific opportunities. See <http://www.wkkf.org/what-we-support/what-we-support.aspx>

GRANTS LIST

The Grants4teachers site allows educators to search a database of federal, state and private foundations and grants available to schools and non-profit organizations. They do, however, capture your email address and also sell advertisements, so visitors need to use caution and discretion. This can be useful if you are not close to a Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, though it is not as easy to use (see entry below this one). The site also collects grant writing tips from contributors.

<http://www.grants4teachers.com/>

EDUTOPIA GRANTS LISTS AND INFORMATION

This is a good list of general places to look, with links.

<http://www.edutopia.org/grant-information-resources-to-get-you-started>

<http://www.edutopia.org>

FOUNDATION CENTER COOPERATING COLLECTIONS

These are searchable data bases of foundations and grants, made available by the Foundation Center on a subscription basis. Libraries that house them generally offer them for free; you may have to be a member or pay a fee to use them elsewhere. In Utah, try:

[SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY](#)

Gerald R. Sherratt Library
351 W. University Blvd.
Cedar City, UT 84720
(435) 586-7700

[GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

257 E. Center St.
Moab, UT 84532
(435) 259-5421

[UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN UTAH](#)

Zada Haws Community Grant Center
2955 Harrison Blvd., Ste. 201
Ogden, UT 84403
(801) 399-5584

[SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

210 E. 400 S.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

(801) 524-8200

(Go to the third floor—a librarian will show you how to search for foundations that share your goals.)

[UTAH NONPROFITS ASSOCIATION](#)

175 S. Main St., Ste. 1210

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

(801) 596-1800

TOOL KIT / GRANT WRITING

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has a nice grant writing tool kit online, at <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/applicants.shtm> . It is oriented to their own grant systems, but contains tools that would help with other grant applications, especially if you are a museum or library. On this site, click on Available Grants on the left sidebar for a nice list of RFP's, again for museums and libraries or closely allied nonprofits.

UTAH CENSUS QUICK FACTS

This is a wonderful source for getting quickly to the facts you need for grant applications. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/49000.html>

[General Guidance for Grant Writing](#) has grant writing tips and some links to grant sources. Look fast, as it is in transition, and may be discontinued. <http://www.jcdowning.org/resources/generalguide.htm>

FOR SINGLE PARENTS

A Utah nonprofit has set up a website with resources for single parents, including free workshops, guides, a resource directory, a calendar of events with other single parents, blogs, and a special emphasis on helping single parents who want to go back to school, whether it be for a GED or a college degree.

www.eSingleParent.org

COLLEGE PREPARATION

The US Department of Education maintains this website to help High School and younger students make early decisions and preparation for getting to college. There are links to financial aid applications.

<http://www.college.gov/wps/portal>

http://www.college.gov/wps/portal/college?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/college/college/whattodo/startpreparingnow/startpreparingnow

COLLEGE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is for students (of all ages) who haven't attended college or trade school, and parents of students in elementary and secondary school. It includes a "to do" list, starting with elementary school, to help students prepare academically and financially for education beyond high school. Each section is split into subsections for students and parents, explaining what to do. It also has publications and other websites that might be useful to them.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/checklist/main.html>

FEDERAL STUDENT AID / POST SECONDARY

Funding is more limited than at times in the past, so information is critical. Following are some good sources of information to be used along with the resources available in financial aid offices at institutions of higher learning.

For all students:

Federal Student Aid Fact Sheet

The federal government provides some grant funds for students attending colleges, career schools and universities. Information about scholarships is also available. Enter the word *disability* in the [search to find scholarships](#) that are specifically for students with disabilities, or you can just search for a field of study or major such as music, law enforcement, biology, social work, etc. This link opens a PDF document.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/factsheet_GrantProgram.pdf

For students with disabilities:

1. "2010-2011 Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student Aid"

This guide has information on federal and non-federal student aid programs, how financial need is determined for students who may have expenses related to their disability, information for students with intellectual disabilities (page 9), the application process and tips for completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). This link opens an 88 page PDF document.

<http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/attachments/CMH11-12.pdf>

2. "College Funding for Students with Disabilities"

Some forms of financial aid (including grants, loans, work-study and scholarships) are available specifically for students with disabilities. Many students use a combination of these financial aid resources. Check out this extensive list of grants, loans and other forms of college financial assistance from the federal government and the private sector. This link opens a PDF document.

<http://www.washington.edu/doit/Brochures/PDF/financial-aid.pdf>

EVALUATION TOOLS / RUBRICS

Rubistar is a free online tool to help teachers create quality rubrics.

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/>

YOUTH / EDUCATION / FREE CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Lesson plans, guest speakers, downloadable videos and other resources for understanding world cultures can be accessed at the Peace Corps Worldwide Schools website.

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/index.cfm>

2-1-1

Don't know where to turn? Try <http://www.211ut.org/>. Be sure to click on News & Reports, then Newsletter. "What's Up" has a wealth of information each time. Like it to be more personal? Pick up the phone and call 2-1-1.

KIDS' GARDENING INFO

National Gardening Association offers a number of informational resources for gardening with children and youth. This page also leads to NGA sponsored grants.

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/>

Teachers' pages: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/teachers.asp>

CHILDREN / READING, TUTORING

Check this web site for incentives to enhance your reading programs for elementary school age children's programs. Click on "Schools" to see who is participating in the Road to Success program, and "Information" to get to "Suggested Reading," a nice list of books for children ages 4-12.

<http://www.kengarffroad.com>

Associated with the web site is an article for child care givers, tutors and parents, *10 Ways to Motivate Your Child to Learn*,

http://www.kengarffroad.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=2

TOOLS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATORS

The Nature Conservancy has put together a webpage of opportunities in environmental education, including student summer experiences. There are links to interactive tools including a carbon footprint calculator, a map of nature preserves, a blog about environmental issues, and a connection to a network of environmental educators and best practices.

<http://www.nature.org/leaf/about/educators.html>

FREE TEACHING TOOLS

National Education Association offers free plans and materials for environmental education in the classroom at <http://www.neamb.com/green/>

EDUCATION / TEACHER RESOURCES

George Lucas's Foundation supports the website Edutopia, with resources for educators, and opportunities for teachers to share and contribute ideas.

<http://www.edutopia.org/>

TEACHING TOLERANCE

The Southern Poverty Law Center provides free materials and activities for teaching tolerance.

<http://www.tolerance.org/>

HEALTH POLICY INFORMATION

A leader in health policy and communications, the Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Unlike grant-making foundations, Kaiser develops and runs its own research and communications programs, sometimes in partnership with other non-profit research organizations or major media companies.

<http://www.kff.org/>

ADULT OBESITY RATES UP

If you work with hunger or health issues, this report could yield important background information for funding applications. The report from the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that twelve states have adult obesity rates above 30 percent and rates have doubled or nearly doubled in seventeen states since 1995.

Utah has gotten heavier. In 1995, Utah was the 46th fattest state. In the newer survey, Utah ranks 39th, and significant slip toward poorer health.

<http://www.rwjf.org/newsroom/product.jsp?id=72574>

HEALTH / OBESITY AND OVERWEIGHT

A new, comprehensive report, "F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2011" outlines 2008-10 national and state obesity rates, health indicators, and policies to address the epidemic; regional, economic, and social barriers to healthy choices; impact of the 2010 healthcare reform and Let's Move initiative; and recommendations. The report also lists resources for cities, towns, planners, schools and policy makers.

Salt Lake City is featured in the report (one of 6 cities with a community profile), starting on page 82.

<http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/TFAH2011FasInFat10.pdf>

HEALTHCARE / MEDICARE GUIDE

This guide explains how Medicare works with other kinds of insurance or coverage and who should pay the bills first. Some people with Medicare have other insurance or coverage that must pay before Medicare pays its share of your bill. This link opens a 44 page PDF document.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02179.pdf>

ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITIES

More and more Americans with disabilities are going into business for themselves. In fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, people with disabilities are almost twice as likely as individuals without disabilities to start a business. If your agencies serves this population, the following blog offers not only general information, but links to resources.

<http://blog.govdelivery.com/usodep/2011/07/by-penny-pickett-associate-administrator-for-entrepreneurial-development-us-small-business-administration-more-and-more.html>
Opportunity-Rich Schools and Sustainable Communities: Seven Steps to Align High-Quality Education With Innovations in City and Metropolitan Planning and Development

F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and customers

(Free or inexpensive—or scholarships.)

UTAH HOMELESS SUMMIT

This year, the Summit will be held November 8, with tours the day before. It will be at the Sheraton in downtown SLC, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The modest \$25 registration fee covers continental breakfast, breaks and lunch, and brings you a wealth of information. Lodging and Agenda information available soon. Registration is available at

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1115169> .

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES / DISABILITY ISSUES

The National Council on Aging is co-sponsoring a free, [public forum](#) on **September 28, 2012** from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Columbus OH. 2012 presidential candidates and candidates for the U.S. Senate seat from Ohio have been invited to give their positions on a variety of disability issues, including those affecting older adults. Questions are expected to focus on issues such as employment, health care, long-term services and supports, education, transportation, housing and research. Online registration will be available soon. The event will also be streamed live on the Web.

<http://www.ncoa.org/assets/files/pdf/public-policy--action/Frequently-Asked-Questions-National-Forum-on-Disability-Issues.pdf>
<http://www.ncoa.org/assets/files/pdf/public-policy--action/Frequently-Asked-Questions-National-Forum-on-Disability-Issues.pdf>

FREE ONLINE TECH TRAINING

Is this almost as good as a training grant? Designed for teachers but applicable in many situations, this site is a gold mine for free online tech instruction. Click on “Past Episodes” to check out the long list of half-hour presentations you can view anytime on your computer. Instruction is live Thursday afternoons 3:30 to 4:00 a good part of the year. The calendar is on the same page as the check in:

<http://www.uen.org/facultyounge/>

GARDENING KNOW HOW

Classes and other events are sponsored by Wasatch Community Gardens: See the full calendar, with links to register, <http://wasatchgardens.org/calendar>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lowes offers \$600,000 per year in college scholarships. An additional 50 scholarships a year will be awarded to Lowe’s employees, spouses and dependents.

http://careers.lowes.com/college_recruiting_scholarship.aspx

FIND SCHOLARSHIPS:

The following websites contain frequently updated information on college scholarships:

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com



Here's the fine print:

Please be advised that:

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