



Grant and award opportunities

Application deadlines vary each year. Check websites for details and current due dates.
 Also see **Fundraising ideas and activities for schools** on this [program web page](#).

Grant or award	Description	Contact for more information
Brower Youth Award	Award recognizes outstanding youth leadership of an environmental project. Six prizes of \$3,000 each and a trip to California for the award ceremony. For ages 13 - 22.	http://broweryouthawards.org
Center for Environmental Health (CEH)	Toolkit for schools on moving to healthier food ware options. See GreenScreen Certification in section 6.	www.ceh.org/k12toolkit
Chef Ann Foundation programs and grants	Online and grant resources for school districts and food service teams transitioning from processed foods to incorporating scratch cooking and fresh ingredients.	The Lunch Box with online training videos and Fruit and Vegetable Education strategies, Salad Bars 2 Schools , and Salad Bar grant application guidelines
Farm to School grants	Grants for training, supporting operations, planning, buying equipment, developing school gardens, and implementing farm to school programs.	Farm to School grant program / School districts are eligible to apply for this grant .
Fuel up to Play	Funding to improve healthy eating and physical activity opportunities in schools. Up to \$4,000 per year is available to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60.	Fuel Up to Play

Future City Competition	This competition engages more than 45,000 middle school students annually throughout the U.S. and abroad. According to students, the program increases their motivation and excitement about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Students and teachers from participating schools report marked improvement in students' 21st Century skills.	Our Impact and About the Competition
Gardening Resources for Schools	See grant section of this resource guide. Grant opportunities and resources were compiled by the King County Green Schools Program for schools working on gardening projects.	Gardening resources for schools
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes	Award honoring young people (ages 8 - 18) who have made a significant positive difference for people and our planet. Each year, 25 national winners each receive \$10,000 to support their service work or higher education.	http://www.barronprize.org/
Green Cleaning award for schools and universities	Award recognizes, rewards, and highlights actions demonstrating exemplary leadership in management and implementation of green cleaning practices in schools. Award categories: schools; custodial leadership; and leadership in management.	https://www.healthygreeschools.org/recognition/green-cleaning-award/
Healthy Kids – Healthy Schools Grants	The 2019 – 2021 grant offered by Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) offered grants for physical education/physical activity and nutrition. Districts could use the nutrition portion of the grant to apply for water bottle filling stations. Watch for 2022 – 2023 grant notices.	Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grants OSPI (www.k12.wa.us)
Kids Gardening grants	Grants for a variety of youth gardening projects.	https://kidsgardening.org/garden-grants/
Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation	Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded for the development of environmental curricula.	http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm
NOAA Education Grants	Grants for formal and informal education projects and programs. Three different programs offered.	https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/grants
Plastic free restaurants	This nonprofit organization pays schools to stop using petroleum-based plastic and switch to reusable products.	Email contact@plasticfreerestaurants.org to inquire.
Sustainable School Awards	Awards for schools to promote and create environmental curriculum. Three different award categories with up to \$5,000 for each award.	https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/Our-Programs/Solid-Waste-Management/Sustainable-School-Awards

U.S. Department of Education: Green Ribbon Schools Program	Recognizes schools for environmental achievements.	https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html
US EPA Environmental Education funding sources for the Pacific Northwest	A listing of grants available in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska for environmental education projects.	More information Call the regional EPA office at 206-553-1200 to request a list of the available grants.
US EPA Environmental Education grants	Grants for environmental education projects that enhance the public’s awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed decisions affecting environmental quality. Grants of \$25,000 or less are awarded by regional EPA offices; \$25,000 or more from US EPA headquarters in Washington DC.	https://www.epa.gov/education/grants
US EPA President’s Environmental Youth and Educator Awards	<p>Youth awards (PEYA) recognize young people in grades K-12 for environmental stewardship projects. EPA Region 10 selects one regional winner for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-12. Projects may include but are not limited to tree planting, restoring native habitats, renewable energy, and creating skits, videos, and newsletters about the environment. Student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21 and each project must be sponsored or co-sponsored by a teacher.</p> <p>Educator awards (PIAEE) recognize K-12 teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education in a variety of areas, including but not limited to climate change, environmental justice, reducing food waste, healthy school environments, reducing ocean and marine litter, recycling solutions, using STEM to teach environmental education, and sustainable agricultural practices. Up to two teachers from each EPA region will be selected to receive an award up to \$2,500 for professional development in environmental education.</p>	<p>Youth awards: https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award Contact PEYA@epa.gov</p> <p>Educator awards: EPA’s PIAEE page Contact: PIAEE@epa.gov</p>
US EPA Region 10 Healthy Resilient and Sustainable Communities grants	Grants to improve community health, resilience, and/or sustainability through pollution prevention and/or sustainable materials management.	Visit here .
Washington State Recycling Association awards	Awards recognize outstanding recycling programs, organizations, and recycling professionals.	https://wsra.net/awards/

<p>Waste Not Washington School awards from Washington State Department of Ecology</p>	<p>Awards up to \$5,000 to help K-12 schools, tribal schools, and school districts build and improve waste reduction, recycling, and other sustainability programs and curricula. Awards recognize efforts to promote sustainable behaviors and skills that help children respond to a rapidly changing world. All developed materials must be made publicly available through the Open Educational Resources Commons portal.</p>	<p>Email Heather Church (heather.church@ecy.wa.gov). Award categories: (1) Seed Awards to integrate sustainability lessons into curriculum or start school waste reduction and recycling programs. Includes funding for milk dispensers to reduce milk waste and reusable utensils or trays; (2) Sustainable School Program Awards for ongoing efforts to support and expand waste reduction, composting, and recycling practices, including continuation of past efforts; and (3) Creative Curriculum Awards to create original curricula to inspire environmental stewardship and to introduce students, teachers, staff, and administrators to concepts of waste reduction, composting, recycling, green chemistry, sustainable design, or circular economy.</p>
<p>Youth Service America Grants</p>	<p>Grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for educators and schools that provide engaging service-learning activities in classrooms or afterschool programs.</p>	<p>http://www.ysa.org/</p>

Resources for grant writing

Organization	Description	Website
J.C. Downing	Tips for grant writing and definition of terms for grant applications	https://www.downingfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/
US EPA	Tips for grant writing	http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/granttips.html
Teachers.net	Tips and resources for grant writing from teachers	http://teachers.net/projects/grants

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