## Environmental Education Funding Opportunities 2013

## **STATE SOURCES**

**Environmental License Tag Grants**. Grants encourage teachers and youth leaders to develop effective environmental education programs, environmental projects and/or strategies, the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Education Committee, working with the Department of Environmental Quality, offers grants each fall. Oklahoma teachers, public or private (Pre K – 12), school environmental clubs, youth group leaders, and/or organizations with a youth component are eligible to apply for the grant. Applicants may apply for amounts from \$200 up to \$1,000 per grant. Categories include: Environmental Club Projects, Outdoor Classroom Revitalization, Recycling, Composting, Edible Gardens, Environmental Education Projects, or Green Schools. These grants have been awarded annually since 1996. Detailed information is available on the DEQ. Website: http://www.deg.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/eegrant2012.pdf Contact: Sara Ivey (405) 702-7122 or sara.ivey@deg.ok.gov.

**OGE Energy Corp.** OG&E proudly gives teachers the power to create unique approaches to science, math and reading through our Teacher Grant Program. If you are a public school teacher of grades K-12 in the OG&E and Enogex service territory, you can apply for a grant up to \$1,000. Details online at: <a href="http://www.oge.com/community/teacherskids/teachergrants/Pages/Overview.aspx">http://www.oge.com/community/teacherskids/teachergrants/Pages/Overview.aspx</a> or email ogecommunityrelationsteam@oge.com

Oklahoma's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program - Outdoor Classroom Grants. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' (FWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides project development grants up to \$7,000.00 for Outdoor Environmental Classrooms. These Outdoor Classrooms must have an emphasis on wetlands and/or endangered and threatened ecosystems in Oklahoma. Funds are to be used for project development, such as, wetland construction, walkways, gazebos, plant material, etc. For more information on wetland development and how to get a wetland classroom going at your school, contact <a href="Jontie Aldrich@fws.gov">Jontie Aldrich@fws.gov</a> / (918) 382-4511 or <a href="Terry\_Dupree@fws.gov">Terry\_Dupree@fws.gov</a> / (918) 605-8047 Website: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Oklahoma/pwp.htm">http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Oklahoma/pwp.htm</a>

**Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants.** Sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Forestry Services in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Oklahoma Urban and Community Forestry Council, this grant program is designed to establish, expand and promote urban and community forestry in the State of Oklahoma. Grants may be awarded to state and local units of government, approved non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations, civic groups, educational institutions or other tree volunteer groups. All projects must occur in Oklahoma. The amount available ranges from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per grant and is a 50% matching program. However, in-kind matching is acceptable. Contact: Mark Bays (405) 522-6150 to request a grant package or download from the web <a href="http://www.forestry.ok.gov/Websites/forestry/images/2012\_Application.pdf">http://www.forestry.ok.gov/Websites/forestry/images/2012\_Application.pdf</a>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES**

America the Beautiful Fund – Seeds that Grow Hope. America the Beautiful Fund is offering grants of FREE SEEDS! to community groups striving to better our world through gardening. Grow fresh nutritious food for the hungry. Teach children about the wonders of nature in a habitat garden. Beautify parks, roadways and neighborhoods. Plant the Seeds that Grow Hope and promote healthy living, environmental stewardship and community pride! There are a thousand ways to improve your community's quality of life through gardening! These are 2010 and 2011 seeds with germination rates of 92-95%. Grants of 100 to 6,000 seed packets are being offered on the basis of availability and relative need. To receive a grant of the Seeds that Grow Hope visit the website: http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/free\_seeds/index.php

American Honda Foundation. Engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. Funding priorities include: Youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training and literacy Grants are given to Nonprofit charitable organizations classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, or a public school district, private/public elementary and secondary schools as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The grant range is from \$20,000 to \$75,000 over a one-year period. Website: <a href="http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf">http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf</a> or contact American Honda Foundation, 1919 Torrance Blvd., Mailstop: 100-1W-5A, Torrance, CA 90501-2746,ahf@ahm.honda.com

Best Buy Children's Foundation. To enhance the quality of life of school-age children in communities where Best Buy Co., Inc. maintains a presence - through support of programs and organizations that offer leadership and educational opportunities. The Foundation invests in organizations and programs committed to making a difference in the lives of children. Emphasis is placed on innovative programs that promote personal achievement, mentor relationships and life skills, and accentuate learning opportunities for school-age children. All grants are given to 501(c)(3) organizations or organizations seeking this nonprofit status. Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis. Website: <a href="http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/">http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/</a> Contact: Best Buy Children's Foundation, Community Relations Department e-mail: <a href="mailto:communityrelations@bestbuy.com">communityrelations@bestbuy.com</a>.

Captain Planet Foundation. Grants are available for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation which is to: promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Supports environmental projects for youth with grants from \$250-\$2,500, preference given to projects \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activities.) All projects must: promote understanding of environmental issues; focus on hands-on activities; involve young people in ways at develop their planning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills; and encourage cooperation between the participants and the community. Website: <a href="http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/">http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/</a> or e-mail: <a href="mailto:grants@captainplanetfdn.org">grants@captainplanetfdn.org</a>

Conrad Foundation – Spirit of Innovation Challenge. The Conrad Foundation's Spirit of Innovation Challenge invites high school students (ages 13 – 18) and their coaches (teachers, parents) to Get Their Genius On and conceptualize a solution in the areas of: Aviation and Aeronautics; Cybersecurity and Technology; Energy and Environment; and Health and Nutrition. Using science, technology, engineering and math skills, teams develop innovative products to help solve global and local problems while supporting global sustainability. As part of the program, the Conrad Challenge matches participants with world-renowned scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs as mentors to assist with advanced academic and business principles. Student teams compete for awards and recognition, including a chance to attend the annual Innovation Summit at NASA Johnson Space Center and Space Center Houston for a chance to win a \$10,000 seed grant to develop their product or service. Abstracts are due October 24, 2012. For more information go to http://conraddev.griffincg.com/

**Do Something Seed Grants.** Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Do Something Seed Grant. They give out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU! These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact. There is no deadline! Grants are given out once a week! For more information check out the website: http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants

**Echoing Green Fellowship Program.** Gives social change entrepreneurs tools and resources to start public service projects in fields including education, environment, arts, health, youth service, community and/or economic development, and civil rights. Fellows receive a two-year \$80,000 stipend, health and dental insurance, networking opportunities, and technical assistance. There are no restrictions regarding specific program areas or geographic territories. Website: <a href="https://www.echoinggreen.org/">www.echoinggreen.org/</a>

**EPA Environmental Education Grants.** Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to support environmental education projects that increase the public's awareness about environmental issues and provide them with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. Local educational institutions, state agencies and non-profit groups are eligible to apply. These grants cannot be used for structure construction and 25% cash or in-kind matching donation is required. Amount: minimum of \$15,000 and the maximum is \$100,000, subject to the availability of funds. Timeframe: EPA will accept proposals for one or 2 year project periods, but the total funding will be the same regardless of the project period. The deadline for applications varies from year to year. The RFP (request for proposals) usually comes out sometime during the summer, with the deadline in the fall. Contact: Bonnie King, U.S. EPA Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202 king.bonita@epa.gov or find more information on the web: http://www.epa.gov/education/grants/index.html

**FedEx Grow A Greener School Contest.** Does your school need funds to plant a garden? Do you want to invest in sustainable energy solutions? Could your school use a recycling area? Whatever your school's sustainability project may be, we want to give you a chance to win. All schools – from elementary schools through colleges – are eligible. Need some inspiration? Click here to see an example of a FedEx EarthSmart project we helped complete in Dallas! Awards will go to 1<sup>st</sup> (\$3,000), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$2,000) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$1,000) place winners who will be selected by public voting. Applications must be received by noon CDT on May 24, 2013. Voting will be held from May 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – May 31<sup>st</sup> 11:59pm. Apply at http://about.van.fedex.com/content/earthsmart-contest. See the Official Rules for further details.

Global Releaf Fund. Sponsored by American Forests for tree planting and care projects and educational efforts which encourage local volunteer efforts and donations. Grant funds may be used to support a variety of activities associated with restoration tree planting (e.g. seedling acquisition, site preparation, transportation, equipment and supplies, contractors and volunteer organizing). Larger trees in urban settings are preferred to reforestation projects using seedlings. 50% matching cash or in-kind donation required. Amount \$500-\$2,500. Application period, September 2012. Contact: Seth Menter (202)737-1944, ext. 219. <a href="mailto:smenter@americanforests.org">smenter@americanforests.org</a> web: <a href="http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/global-releaf-projects/global-releaf-grant-application/">http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/global-releaf-projects/global-releaf-grant-application/</a>

**GM Foundation Education Grants.** Funded by: General Motors Foundation, Inc. Program areas: arts, general education, science/environmental, technology; recipients: public, private/charter schools in all states; online applications accepted year-round; Average grant amount: Up to \$2 million; Web site: <a href="http://www.gm.com/company/aboutGM/qm">http://www.gm.com/company/aboutGM/qm</a> foundation.html

Green Thumb Challenge. Green Education Foundation and Gardener's Supply Company have teamed up on an exciting funding opportunity for established youth garden projects nationwide! The organizations are calling on schools and youth groups to submit chronicles of their garden projects in a race to win a \$5,000 prize. The award is designed to support the continued sustainability of an exceptional youth garden program that has demonstrated success, and has impacted the lives of kids and their community. To be eligible you must have an existing garden program involving children currently in grades K-12, from schools and/or youth groups. Please note that this grant is not for gardens that have not yet been started. Awards must be allocated towards the sustainability of current garden program. Deadline, September 30, 2012. For more information and the grant application, go to the website: http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallengesub/green-thumb-challenge-winners

GreenWorks! Community Action Projects. This Project Learning Tree's (PLT) environmental community action component encourages students to participate in community based partnerships by developing and implementing environmental action projects, such as graffiti paint overs, tree plantings, stream clean-ups and recycling projects. Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it? Apply for a Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! grant! This grant program is open to any PLT trained educator and must contain a community partnership element such as working with scouts, PTA organization, local business etc. Deadline September 30, 2012 Amount: up to \$1000 per project may be requested, must have 50% matching funds (some of which may be in-kind services/time). Contact: Kyle Cooper at 202-463-2475 or kcooper@plt.org website: http://www.plt.org/applyforagrant

**The Home Depot.** Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: Repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to community facilities (schools, community centers, etc.); Weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of community facilities. Proposals will be accepted February 6, 2012 through August 13, 2012. Website: <a href="http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant">http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant</a>

**John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.** This is a large, national charitable foundation identified as the largest funding source of EE projects in 1990. Estimated to have given out more than \$5.5 million to EE projects. Contact: 140 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1100. Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 726-8000. Website: <a href="http://www.macfound.org/">http://www.macfound.org/</a>

**Kodak American Greenway Grants.** Through a partnership of Eastman Kodak, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society, the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program provides small grants for the planning and design of greenways and support of grassroots greenways organizations in U.S. communities. Grants range from \$500 to \$2500. Online application: <a href="http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak\_awards">http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak\_awards</a>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants. Raise up to \$5,000 for your school in minutes. It's almost that

easy when you take advantage of Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and they are dedicated to helping teachers or parent-teacher groups achieve even more for your school. Apply for the Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's. Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program is funded by the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, which has supported thousands of grassroots community and school projects in the communities where Lowe's does business. For more information and to apply online go to the website: <a href="http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/">http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/</a>

**NEA Foundation – Student Achievement Grants.** The NEA (National Education Association) Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. Amount: \$2,000 and \$5,000. Notification: Applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times per year, every year. Website: <a href="http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/student-achievement-grants/">http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/student-achievement-grants/</a>

National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) Grants. NEEF provides grants and awards to leverage the reach of their programs, implement program goals, support the efforts of other organizations and strengthen the environmental education (EE) field as a whole. In 2011, they provided more than \$335,000 in grants and awards to recipients in 37 states. Various grant programs include: Planet Connect, The Sustainable Energy Award, Classroom Earth, and the Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award. Planet Connect is offering high school students grants of \$1,000 to implement their problem-solving projects and participate in a local internship focused on wildlife conservation. The \$10,000 Sustainable Energy Award will be presented to each of the top three high schools that can demonstrate how they have engaged students and teachers in school-wide energy savings through the creative and innovative use of technology. Classroom Earth is supporting middle and high school teachers around the country eager to make wildlife conservation part of their curriculum. Classroom Earth's 2012 Professional Development Grants let applicants take a six-week online course offered by the Wildlife Conservation Society to create a strong foundation in wildlife conservation. The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award is given annually to an outstanding middle or high school teacher who successfully integrates environmental education into their curriculum and engages students in interdisciplinary solutions to environmental challenges. Award winner will receive \$5,000 and two merit winners will receive \$750 each. Learn more about all of the NEEF opportunities on their website: http://neefusa.org/grants/index.htm

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants.** Five Star Restoration Grant Program. Provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Governmental units, educational or non-profit groups are eligible to apply for amounts of \$10,000 -\$40,000. A 100% matching cash or inn-kind contribution is required. Applications are due in February with funding awarded in June. Contact: Amanda Bassow, Acting Program Director, <a href="mailto:Amanda.Bassow@nfwf.org">Amanda.Bassow@nfwf.org</a> website: <a href="mailto:http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GrantPrograms">http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GrantPrograms</a>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Native Plant Conservation Initiative, provides federal dollars to nonprofit organizations and government agencies to promote the conservation of native plants. There is a strong preference for "on-the-ground" projects that involve local communities and citizen volunteers in the restoration of native plant communities. Projects that include a pollinator conservation component are also encouraged. Grants range from \$15,000 to \$65,000. It is expected that all grant funds will be matched 100% by non-federal contributions from project partners. The pre-proposal deadline is typically in May. Contact: Teal Edelen, Manager, Central Partnership Office, <a href="Teal.Edelen@nfwf.org">Teal.Edelen@nfwf.org</a>. Application guidelines are available on the website: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GrantPrograms">http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GrantPrograms</a>

**PEW Charitable Trusts.** Another large, national charitable foundation with interests in environmental education projects, totaling more than \$1 million. Contact: One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street. Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7017, (215) 575-9050, website: <a href="http://www.pewtrusts.org/">http://www.pewtrusts.org/</a>

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.** Recognize outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 -12. To be eligible, a young person must be in grades 5 through 12 as of November 1<sup>st</sup> during the applying year; have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application; and complete an application form and submit it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization.

Website: http://spirit.prudential.com/

Real World Design Challenge. The Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace. Every teacher that participates in the RWDC gets \$1 million in professional engineering software along with training, curriculum materials, and access to mentors. Students first compete in a state level Governor's Cup. The team with the best design in each state gets an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC to compete in the national finals. Deadline to enter is November 18, 2012. Website: <a href="http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/">http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/</a>

**Seeds for Education - Grants for School Gardens and Community Nature Areas.** The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants (\$100-\$500) to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. The grant recipient learning centers are those which most successfully reflect the Wild Ones mission to educate and share information about the benefits of using native plants in our landscape and to promote biodiversity and environmentally sound practices. Only through this knowledge, can we appreciate humankind's proper place in the web of life. The deadline for applications is October 15<sup>th</sup>, awarded by February 15<sup>th</sup>, yearly. Website: <a href="http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html">http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html</a>

**Starbucks Foundation - Shared Planet Youth Action Grants.** The Starbucks Foundation is interested in supporting organizations that provide young people a continuum of services in developing creative approaches to address pressing concerns in their communities. The Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action grants use the spirit of innovation to inspire young people to take action to create positive solutions to real local needs they see in their neighborhoods. By supporting young people, real changes can be made in local communities and individuals are inspired to take part in community service. Letters of Inquiry are accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>, yearly. Grants range from \$10,000-\$30,000. <a href="http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22">http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22</a>

**State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Awards**. State Farm is proud to team up with YSA (Youth Service America) to offer grants of up to \$1,500 for programs enhancing student achievement through service-learning in K-12 public schools. Each grant engages participating teachers and students in a service and learning program that promotes academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities. The State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant requires a 12-to-14 week *Semester of Service* starting on MLK Day of Service (January 21 2013) and ending on Global Youth Service Day, (April 26-28, 2013). Applications must be submitted by July 31, 2012. More information on the web: <a href="http://www.ysa.org/goodneighbor">http://www.ysa.org/goodneighbor</a>

**Target Field Trip Grants.** Learning opportunities extend far beyond the classroom. But schools are finding it more and more difficult to bring students to museums, historical sites and cultural organizations. Field Trip Grants help give children these unique, firsthand learning experiences. Target will award 5,000 field trip grants across the country, which equates to 1 in every 25 K-12 schools receiving a grant. Each grant is valued up to \$700. Applications accepted starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. <a href="http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880">http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880</a>

**Toshiba America Foundation Grants.** Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their math and science classrooms. TAF is interested in funding projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools. Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) is dedicated to helping classroom teachers make mathematics and science learning fun and successful for students in U.S. schools. Grade K-5 applications are accepted once a year on October 1st. Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Grade 6-12 grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1st and August 1st each year. Applications and guidelines are available online in PDF. Details on website: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/

**Town Creek Foundation.** Supports environmental programs that engage citizens in challenging the unsustainable use of natural resources and in protecting biological diversity. Strategies supported are grassroots activism, monitoring the enforcement of environmental laws, public policy advocacy, collaborative opportunities, media outreach, and model or demonstration projects fostering sustainable policies and practices. Letters of Inquiry Due: November 16, 2012. Details on website: <a href="https://www.towncreekfdn.org">www.towncreekfdn.org</a>.

**Toyota Tapestry Grant.** A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and the National Science Teachers Association, the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K–12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. Toyota TAPESTRY awards grants of up to \$10,000 to implement innovative, community-based science projects in environmental science, physical science, and integrating literacy and science. Projects should demonstrate creativity,

involve risk-taking, possess a visionary quality, and model a novel way of presenting science. They should also involve hands-on activities, have an interdisciplinary approach and relate science to students' lives. To be eligible, middle and high school science teachers must spend at least 50% of their classroom time teaching science. Elementary teachers must teach some science in the classroom. Proposals must describe a project including its potential impact on students, and a budget up to \$10,000. http://tapestry.nsta.org/

**Volvo Adventure.** A partnership between Volvo and the United Nations Environment Program – the Volvo Adventure is an educational program that rewards environmental activities and the decision-makers of the future. To enter, you form a team of 2 to 5 members aged 13 to 16 (at competition opening - July 1st 2012). Perform an environmental project in your local community & submit the project online before the deadline of January 31st 2013. The best projects are selected for an all-expenses paid trip to Göteborg, Sweden with awards for 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$10,000), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$6,000) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$4,000). Website: <a href="http://www.volvoadventure.org/home.aspx">http://www.volvoadventure.org/home.aspx</a>

**Ways to Help Grants.** \$500 grants for youth under the age of 19 for creative projects with a big impact on 16 issue areas in these catagories: the environment, democracy and equality, health, and community issues. More information can be found on the website: <a href="http://waystohelp.org/grants.php">http://waystohelp.org/grants.php</a>

**Youth Garden Grants.** Cash is not offered, but tools, seeds and educational materials are provided by the National Garden Association for garden programs involving at least 15 children between 3-18 years of age. Several different grant programs are available. More information can be found on the website: <a href="http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-awards">http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-awards</a>

Youth in Action Award. Community service project grants of \$500-\$1,500 will be awarded to youth who take leadership roles and work with adult 4-H volunteer leaders and/or county Extension agents. Grants require youth teams to identify critical issues in their communities, develop activities to address these issues, and educate other young people and children on ways to model community service. Youth must be actively involved in writing the proposal and in program implementation. Collaborative efforts reflecting the diversity of the community are encouraged. http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/

## LOCAL SOURCES--Oklahoma City Metro Area

Margaret Annis Boys Trust Fund. This program provides support and encouragement for landscaping and beautification projects in parks, medians and other public lands in the Oklahoma City area. The program emphasizes strong partnerships with interested groups that must provide some matching resources and long-term maintenance for the projects. Funds are primarily used for purchase and installation of plant materials according to a landscaping plan. Non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations and other groups with a vested interest in the beautification of a particular area are eligible. Contact Brian Dougherty at (405) 606-2908 or email <a href="mailto:b.dougherty@occf.org">b.dougherty@occf.org</a> to determine the eligibility of your project a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to grant deadline. This will give you an opportunity to fully understand the guidelines before you develop your written proposal and give the trust an opportunity to learn more about your specific goals and interest. For more information visit the website: <a href="http://www.occf.org/boystrust.html">http://www.occf.org/boystrust.html</a>

**Kirkpatrick Family Fund.** Primary fields of interest are education, youth, culture, arts, neighborhoods and beautification. The Fund would be supportive of outdoor classroom gardens that have a strong educational component. Grants of \$10,000 or less are accepted on an ongoing basis and are reviewed quarterly. Grants of \$10,001 - \$100,000 are accepted on March 1 and September 1, or the first business day after the deadline. For more information go to <a href="http://www.kirkpatrickfamilyfund.org/">http://www.kirkpatrickfamilyfund.org/</a>

**Kirkpatrick Foundation.** The mission of the Kirkpatrick Foundation is to support Arts and Culture, Education, Animal Concerns and Environmental Conservation, primarily in Central Oklahoma. Grant proposals are considered only from not-for-profit organizations qualified as public charities under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Website: www.kirkpatrickfoundation.com / Facebook: Kirkpatrick Foundation, Inc.