

## January 2012 Grant Opportunities

### Private Funding Opportunities

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation through its National Grassroots Grant Program, aims to further social justice, protect the environment and support sustainable food systems. Grants of up to \$15,000 are provided to grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community organizing strategies to accomplish their goals as well as organizations that provide technical support and/or resources to such groups. Deadlines are rolling. A letter of intent is required through the organization's website:

<http://www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-national-grassroots-grant-program.html>

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

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

Dollar General's mission is "supporting literacy and youth development initiatives that promote self sufficiency" in their 25 state territory. Common areas of support include: adult education (adult literacy, GED, etc), mentoring, youth education programs, youth literacy programs and youth self-esteem programs. Potential applicants can submit a proposal by mail or online. The typical grant does not exceed \$20,000. Deadlines are ongoing. See website for details:

[http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dqliteracy/Pages/grant\\_programs.aspx](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dqliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx)

The Singing for Change Charitable Foundation created by singer Jimmy Buffet grants support children and families to promote programs on health, education and protection of children and their families, including projects promoting self-esteem and self-sufficiency. Grants range up to \$10,000 each. As a first step, your agency must submit a one page letter of interest. Full proposals are by invitation only. Grants of \$1,000 and less may be awarded on the basis of the letter of interest without requiring a full proposal. Deadlines are open. For additional information, visit [http://www.margaritaville.com/singing\\_change.html](http://www.margaritaville.com/singing_change.html).

The TD Charitable Foundation focuses on the following areas of giving: Affordable Housing, Education/Financial Literacy, and Environment. Grants are due the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of February, May, August, and November. See website for details: <http://www.tdbank.com/community/grants.html> .

The PNC Foundation's mission is to form alliances with community-based nonprofit organizations within the markets PNC serves, to enhance educational opportunities for children, particularly underserved pre-K children through our

signature, PNC Grow Up Great program, and to promote the growth of targeted communities through economic development initiatives. See website for details:

<http://www.pnccommunityinvolvement.com/PNCFoundation.htm>

Excellent website for families: <http://www.pncgrowupgreat.com>

The Walmart Store and Sam's Club Giving Programs provide support to a wide range of local nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and K-12 schools and higher education institutions located in communities with Walmart Stores and/or Sam's Clubs. Churches and other faith-based organizations with projects that address the needs of the community at large are also eligible for support. The minimum grant award is \$250; the maximum grant award depends on the budget of each facility. Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements can request an application at their local store or club. Applications are accepted from February 1 through December 31, annually. Visit the Walmart website to review the programs' giving guidelines.

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/238.aspx>

The NAMM Foundation WannaPlay Fund provides musical instruments to students with a demonstrated need and the school and organizations that serve them. Public schools and community organizations serving low-income students are eligible for awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. Deadlines are rolling. Contact: [www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/](http://www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/).

The Fender Music Foundation provides music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music. Established music programs in the U.S. that provide music instruction are eligible. Deadlines are rolling for awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 worth of instruments and equipment. Contact: [www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants](http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants).

The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation's mission is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference in locations served by the bank throughout the United States. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations in bank communities as well as selected national organizations. The Foundation's areas of interest include education, community development, health and human services, arts and culture, the environment, and civic affairs. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the bank's website to take the required eligibility quiz and an online application. Website: [www.wachovia.com/wachoviafoundation](http://www.wachovia.com/wachoviafoundation).

The Gannett Foundation Community Action Grant provides funds for grass-roots educational programs such as after school tutorial programs, at-risk youth programs; and services for special populations that include homeless children, families in crisis, poor/ill elderly. The deadline is Feb. 16, 2011 for multiple

grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each. Refer to website:  
[www.gannettfoundation.org/](http://www.gannettfoundation.org/).

The LEGO Children's Fund Grants provides funds to organizations that focus on early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities; or sport or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth. The deadline is Jan. 15, 2011 with grants typically ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 each. Go to website for details:  
[www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html](http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html).