

America the Beautiful Fund

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Operation Green Plant 2008

FREE SEEDS!

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. Promote environmental stewardship in your community. There are a thousand ways to improve your community's quality of life through gardening! Be sure to read the other side of this flyer and be inspired by some last seasons projects.

These are 2005-2007 seeds with germination rates of 90-95%. Grants of 100 to 1,000 seed packets are being offered on the basis of availability and relative need. America the Beautiful Fund is also offering **The Green Earth Guide** containing illustrated gardening instructions and ideas on involving the whole community in your project. For nutritional information, harvesting, storage and eating tips we offer **Gardening for Optimal Nutrition** published by the Cortisa Press which is available to you at more that HALF OFF the cover price of \$2.25! Also for the first time ever we are able to supply your group with **GLOVES** thanks to a generous donation from Wells-Lamont. Now you can really dig in! With an annual Membership contribution you will also have access to technical assistance via our toll free member hotline, our newsletter and announcements of special events and grants.

1. **Write** a short letter describing your project
2. **Fill out** the application form below
3. **Enclose** a check for shipping and handling
4. **Mail** your letter, application and check to the address above

	<u>Shipping and Handling fees</u>
	First set of 100 packets = \$14.95
Contact Name	___ Additional set(s) of 100 x \$5 each = _____
	Please specify amounts below:
Organization Name	Vegetable _____ Flower _____ Herb _____ (limit 25 Herbs packets per request)
Project Name	Membership Contribution = _____
Street Address for UPS delivery (No PO Boxes Please)	Green Earth Guide Paperback (\$10.00) CD- ROM (\$12.95) = _____
City State Zipcode	Gardening for Optimal Nutrition 10 for \$10 30 for \$25 = _____ 250 for \$125
Phone Number Fax Number E-Mail Address	Gloves ___ Sets of 12 for \$10 Each mixed sizes and styles = _____
	TOTAL = _____

Plant the “Seeds that Grow Hope” and.....

Harvest Compassion... *“Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation of seeds to our community garden. This past season, which was our first, we were able to raise over 500 pounds of squash, lettuce, beets and carrots as well as 400 pounds of potatoes and onions for our local food bank. We harvested lots of flowers for shut-ins as well. Because of your generosity, we know next season will be even better.”*

Prineville Community Garden, Prineville, OR

Harvest Knowledge... *“We are reading The Secret Garden so the kids are very interested in having one of their own. They would make charts of growth, plot rainfall, and write in their journals about their garden project. The parents in our community can only afford the bare essentials so they welcome any seeds of any kind. Some of these parents have lost jobs due to the oyster beds being lost in the hurricanes. Some of them used vegetable seeds we got in a mixed batch last year to grow food for their families.”*

W.R. Tolar School, Bristol, FL

Harvest Stewardship... *“The Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary has hosted the “Children’s Quilt garden for the past 6 years. The program was designed to reawaken an awareness of the land and how it provides for our sustenance, both physically and emotionally. The short-term goal is to sow seeds, water, weed and harvest the vegetables and flowers from the garden. The long term goal is to develop an appreciation of the land and how it serves us if we protect and care for it.”*

Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary, Califon, NJ

Harvest Community Pride... *“Our elderly live in a central location and have planted seeds to make their apartment complex more like “home.” The appearance and fragrance of these beautiful flowers enriches the lives of these individuals. The flower seeds provide the residents with a project that they can be proud of. Once grown and in full bloom, the splendor of the flowers is shared amongst all the residents.”*

Kearney Housing Agency, Kearney, NE

Harvest Opportunity... *“We are a small therapeutic Greenhouse program located at Taunton State Hospital in Taunton, MA. Our program is designed to provide work skills training and leisure time opportunities to several chronically mentally ill adults and adolescents. We do this by providing them with numerous experiences in a real greenhouse. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this grant of seeds, it means so much to so many of us.”*

Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, MA

Harvest Friendships... *“For Neighbors Helping Neighbors next project, Gardening for Health, we are teaming resident elderly with the youth of today. The overall goals are for them to share in the joy, wonder and beauty of gardening while learning from each other and about the rewards and importance of replenishing nature.”*

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Hawkins, TX