



# Green Grants for Schools

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<b>Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation Grants</b>												
3/1/2017	Up to \$1,000	Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation Field Trip Grants	This Field Trip program helps bring students to outdoor sites where they can experience hands-on learning about Hawai'i's environment.	<a href="http://www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/fieldtrips">www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/fieldtrips</a>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/1/2017	Up to \$1,000	Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation Mini-Grants	This Mini-Grant program provides financial assistance to schools which otherwise could not purchase items or services needed to reach their environmental education goals at their school.	<a href="http://www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/minigrants">www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/minigrants</a>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Other Grants</b>												
We update this document quarterly and are always looking for green grant opportunities. Please send suggestions to <a href="mailto:info@kokuahawaiifoundation.org">info@kokuahawaiifoundation.org</a> . This file is available for electronic download to <a href="http://www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/resources">www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/resources</a> .												
Ongoing (Feb 1, May 1, and Aug 1)	\$20,000 - 75,000	American Honda Foundation	Grant priorities: youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training and literacy	<a href="http://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant">www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant</a>	X							X
12/4/2016	Varies	Annie's Grants for School Gardens	These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies.	<a href="http://www.annies.com/doing-good">www.annies.com/doing-good</a>	X		X					
July 1, Oct 3, Jan 3, and Apr 1	Varies	Atherton Family Foundation	Grants available for programs and projects that benefit the people of Hawai'i	<a href="http://www.athertonfamilyfoundation.org">www.athertonfamilyfoundation.org</a>	X		X	X				
Ongoing	\$1,000	Awesome Foundation O'ahu Chapter	Develop a project that is useful to the community and conducive to bring about change and awareness of any type. Each month a grant winner is chosen.	<a href="http://www.awesomefoundationoahu.com">www.awesomefoundationoahu.com</a>		X						X
12/31/2016	Up to \$5,000	Building Healthy Communities Grant Program	Grants, up to \$5,000, are now available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. who are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community.	<a href="http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant">www.homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant</a>	X		X					
Sep 30 and Jan 31	Up to \$2,500	Captain Planet Foundation	Supports hands-on environmental projects for young people to school and community groups.	<a href="http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/grants">www.captainplanetfoundation.org/grants</a>	X							X
9/1/2016	\$5,000	Cooke Foundation Public School Beautification Award	To recognize exemplary completed projects that enhance the overall appearance and ambiance of Hawai'i public schools.	<a href="http://www.cookefdn.org/grantseekers/beautification-award">www.cookefdn.org/grantseekers/beautification-award</a>		X						X



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2/2/2017	Varies	E Ola Pono Campaign	Granting monetary awards to schools who had the most effective student led campaigns to promote pono and peace at their schools.	www.growingponoschools.com		x						x
2/1/2017	\$3,500 & \$1,500 in Fiskars supplies	Fiskars Orange Thumb	This program provides community garden groups with the tools and materials they need to reach their goals for neighborhood beautification and horticulture education.	www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb	x		x					
Ongoing	Fruit tree orchards on campus	Fruit Tree Planting Foundation	FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, etc.	www.ftpf.org/resources.htm	x		x					
TBA	\$1,000 - \$2,500	Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund	Supporting the next generation of organic producers through small grants that support organic education from kindergarten through the end of college.	www.ccof.org/ccof/structure/ccof-foundation/ccof-foundation-programs/future-organic-farmer-grant-fund	x		x					
Ongoing	Varies	Global Green Grant Fund	GGGF is a public charity that seeds environmental action through small grants.	www.greengrants.org	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
June 2017	\$3,000	Good Idea Grant	The Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation's Good Idea Grant Program is designed to enhance innovation in the classroom and challenge teachers to think creatively and boldly.	www.pshf.org/grant-program/		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9/30/2016	\$5,000	Green Thumb Challenge Grant	GEF provides schools and youth groups with beginner-friendly resources to plant gardens of any size, in addition to fun activities and standards-based lessons linking the classroom to the garden.	www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallenge/sub/green-thumb-challenge-winners.html	x		x					
TBA	Varies	Hawaiian Electric's Home Energy Challenge	Public elementary school students learn about the benefits and practices of energy conservation and challenge each other to reduce their home energy use over a 6 month period.	sam.nichols@heco.com		x			x			
Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15 and Nov 15	\$500 - \$10,000	Kaulunani Grant Program	The program is designed to encourage citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustained urban and community forest programs in Hawai'i	www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/forestry/lap/kaulunani/grants/		x	x					



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Ongoing	One five-well portable CAMBRO salad bar kit and training tools	Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools	Select schools will receive a 5-well portable CAMBRO salad bar kit which includes all the necessary pan inserts, chilling pads and utensils, and training tools.	<a href="http://www.saladbars2schools.org">www.saladbars2schools.org</a>	X			X				
5/15/2017	\$1,000	Look at Agriculture... Organically! Grants	Provided to educators nationwide to support the integration of organic agriculture into regular classroom instruction kindergarten through eighth grades through a collaborative effort between the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) and the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Foundation.	<a href="http://www.learnaboutag.org/grants/organic.cfm">www.learnaboutag.org/grants/organic.cfm</a>								
10/15/2016	\$100 - \$500	Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program	Small grants to schools and other educational organizations committed to creative natural landscapes using native plants.	<a href="http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html">www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html</a>	X		X					
9/26/2016	\$2,000 - \$5,000	Lowe's Toolbox for Education	Supports facility enhancement as well as cleanup/landscaping type projects. Community and parent involvement projects get priority.	<a href="http://www.toolboxforeducation.com">www.toolboxforeducation.com</a>	X		X			X		
Ongoing (Oct 15, Feb 16, and June 16)	\$2,000 or \$5,000	NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants	To provide opportunities for teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth.	<a href="http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators">www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators</a>	X			X				X
Ongoing (Oct 15, Feb 1, and June 1)	\$2,000 or \$5,000	NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants	To improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter.	<a href="http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants">www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants</a>	X							X
9/30/2016	\$1,000 or \$3,000	Project Learning Tree Green Works! Grants	PLT will award grants to PLT-trained educators for service-learning projects that involve youth in all elements of planning, implementing, and maintaining an environmental action project.	<a href="http://www.greenworks.org">www.greenworks.org</a>	X							X
3/28/2017	\$10,000 - \$20,000	Seeds of Change Grant Program	Grants support sustainable school- and community-based gardening & farming programs that enhance the environmental, economic, and social well-being of gardens, farms, farmers and communities.	<a href="http://www.seedsofchange.org">www.seedsofchange.org</a>	X		X					



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Aug 1 to Sep 30	Up to \$700	Target Field Trip Grants	Teachers can use a grant to fund a school field trip that connects their curriculum to out-of-school experiences. (5,000 grants per year)	<a href="https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants">https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants</a>	x							x
Nov 2016	Up to \$100,000	USDA Farm to School Grant Program	Assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs.	<a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program">www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program</a>								
10/31/2016	\$2,000	Whole Kids Garden Grants	Funding school garden projects	<a href="http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php">www.wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php</a>		x						x



# Green Fundraising Ideas for Schools

School fundraising does not have to involve high-calorie sweets or disposable stuff you don't want or need. We all know how desperate our schools are for funds, but how to raise funds in a green and healthy way? Check out some of our favorite ideas here:

## Food & Gardening

### Community-Supported Student Farmers' Market:

Create a student-led club to harvest fruits and veggies from a school garden and/or accept donations from the community to sell at a Student Farmers' Market. Children learn how to market their produce and can put funds raised back into their school garden or other related programs.



### Farm-raisers:

A great way to support local agriculture and have local agriculture support your school is to sell local produce. Three ways this can work:

- 1) Work with local farmers and sell tickets redeemable on campus on a preselected day or at a farmers' market.
- 2) Partner with a neighborhood farmers' market and sell vouchers to be redeemed at any vendor in the farmers' market. (Note: Not all farmers and farmers' markets are set up to run Farm-raiser programs.)
- 3) On O'ahu? Connect with [healthyharvestdays.com/fundraising](http://healthyharvestdays.com/fundraising).



### Healthy Food Sales:

Schools can sell healthy food products such as fruit, trail mix, spices, or granola bars. Please note that all food sold as school fundraisers must comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines and Hawai'i State DOE Wellness Policy. For more information visit: <http://doe.k12.hi.us/foodservice/toolkit/nutritionstandards/ns2.htm>.

### Local Cookbook:

Schools can collect recipes from students, parents, staff, and prominent community members to create a cookbook featuring locally grown produce and ingredients representing the school's multicultural heritage. Remember to ask that the books be printed on recycled paper.



### Seed Packets & Plant Sale:

Buy seeds in bulk and repackage through a student-run seed company or grow and save seeds from home and school gardens. Fundraising tips can be found at [www.fedcoseeds.com/seeds/seed\\_school.htm](http://www.fedcoseeds.com/seeds/seed_school.htm). Seedlings and plants are even more popular, so plan ahead and start seeds at least a month before your sale. Vermicompost sales are also a great way to turn waste into profits! For information on vermicomposting, see [www.kokuaworms.com](http://www.kokuaworms.com).



## Let's Move!

### Walk-a-thons, Bowl-a-thons & Other Sports-Related Activities:

Raise funds and promote physical activity for students. Organize grade, club, and/or family team entries for Fun Runs, Tennis Tournaments, Dance-a-thons, Zumba-thons and more!



## Holidays

### Locally Grown Christmas Trees:

Instead of selling wrapping paper for the holidays, how about selling locally grown Christmas trees? Save Hawai'i from invasive bugs and costly shipping by purchasing locally grown Christmas trees and raise funds for your school! Helemano Farms on O'ahu offers advanced-sale Christmas tree tickets that organizations can use for fundraising. Visit [www.helemanofarms.com](http://www.helemanofarms.com) to learn more.



### Locally Grown Flowers & Plants:

For Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day sell locally grown flowers and plants from your neighborhood nursery or the school garden.



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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

### CFL Bulb Swap:

The Blue Planet Foundation will distribute at least 1,000 energy efficient Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs), free of charge to the community through Hawai'i schools and clubs. Groups will be awarded 40 cents for every old-style bulb replaced by a CFL and properly installed in homes. This fundraising program supports the environment by reducing carbon emissions and educating students and community about energy efficiency and climate change. For more information visit [blueplanetfoundation.org](http://blueplanetfoundation.org) or contact [cflexchange@blueplanetfoundation.org](mailto:cflexchange@blueplanetfoundation.org).



### Collect & Send:

**Terracycle** collects a variety of items that would go into the wastestream and either upcycles them and then sends your school cash. **MilkMuney** gives cash for milk & juice cartons and then upcycles the cartons into wallets. **Cartridges for Kids** and **Planet Green** give you cash for empty ink cartridges and other electronics.

### Literature & Media Fair:

Organize a gently-used literature & media fair where families donate the books, magazines, DVD's and CD's they have cleared off their shelves. Pair with a literacy week event or read-aloud campaigns at your school.

### Recycling Drive:

Organize a HI-5 beverage container drive. Recycling companies also purchase used items, such as printer cartridges and cell phones, from schools. For coordination assistance, contact [3Rs@kokuahawaiiifoundation.org](mailto:3Rs@kokuahawaiiifoundation.org).



### Reusable Water Bottles:

Reduce single-use plastics, promote your school AND raise money! Create custom bottles with your school logo or have an art contest. **Green Bottle** and **Pura Stainless** offer sustainable fundraising solutions for schools with no up-front fees and no long-term contract.



### School Swap Meet:

One person's trash is another's treasure! Teach students the importance of reusing and earn money for your school at a School Swap Meet. Students exchange their gently used things and shop for gently reused books, toys, and clothes. Charge an entry fee or set up a script system to raise money. Give script to those who donate used goods as an incentive to participate. This is a great fundraiser to do in the spring to encourage spring cleaning.

### Totes:

Reusable shopping bags featuring your school's logo can help build school spirit, raise funds, and reduce single-use plastics in our islands. Check out: **1 Bag at a Time**, **Chico Bag**, and **ReuseThisBag.com**.



### Waste-Free Lunches:

Promote waste-free lunches on campus by hosting a reusable lunchbox fundraiser. Several companies offer programs to schools including **Planet Box**, **One Small Step**, and **Laptop Lunches**.

## Other Ideas:



### Silent Auction:

You can sell anything at a silent auction, from restaurant gift certificates to worm bins. You can go with a wide variety of items, or choose a theme. We suggest an art auction! Request art donations from local artists — or better yet, students — to help expand a program in need. Organize an evening event with a small admission fee where the art pieces are auctioned off. Provide food and drink to top off this fun event!

### Student Creations Craft Fair:

Students create jewelry out of micro-plastic, bottle caps and other found materials or repurpose old t-shirts, jeans and other items and sell at a school craft fair. These items make a great addition to any Holiday Craft Fair!



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