



# Grantsline

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## Heineman Foundation

The Heineman Foundation provides seed money to start-up projects or to new projects within an existing organization. Funding can be granted for three to five years with the average annual grant between \$20,000 and \$50,000. The foundation is interested in the following areas:

- 1) Programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace
- 2) Environmental research around water issues
- 3) Music – educational and cultural components
- 4) Youth programs that encourage creative thinking and effective communication

Only non-profit organizations will be considered and applications must be submitted on-line.

**Deadline: September 1, 2008**

<http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/>

## Youth Garden Grants

The National Gardening Association and Home Depot are partnering to offer Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations. Priority will be given to projects that emphasize one or more of the following elements:

- Educational focus or curricular integration
- Nutrition
- Environmental awareness/education
- Social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support or service learning

Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. 125 grants are available during the current round of funding with the top applicants receiving \$1,000 in gift cards plus educational materials.

**Deadline: November 1, 2008**

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

## Great Web Sites

### Links to Maryland State Agency Grants

<http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/state.html>

### Maryland Grants Office Training Resources

[http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/grants\\_made\\_easy.html](http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/grants_made_easy.html)

### Youth Outcomes Measurement – Directory of Tools

<http://www.toolfind.org/>

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## Shade Structure Program

Offered by the American Academy of Dermatology, the Shade Structure Program offers grant awards for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet ray protection for outdoor areas. The program is open to 501 (c)(3) organizations that serve children and teens younger than 18.

To be eligible for grants of up to \$8,000, an organization must show a commitment to sun safety within the organization and must be sponsored by an academy member dermatologist. (To locate a local member dermatologist, go to American Academy of Dermatology Find a Dermatologist Web page.)

**Deadline: April 10, 2009**

For more information and the application go to:

<http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>

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## Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Presbyterian Hunger Program provides direct relief to those suffering from hunger in the United State through their support of food pantries and soup kitchens, communal feeding programs and homeless feeding. Examples of funded programs in the United States last year included a reclamation project providing fruits and vegetables to food distribution programs in Annapolis, Maryland.

Applicants who demonstrate that a significant component of their work is committed to addressing the underlying causes of hunger are eligible for up to \$15,000 in grant funds. Other applicants in any of the following three categories are also eligible for funding:

- Projects that help feed or house an especially underserved constituency – eligible for funding up to \$5,000.
- Presbyterian congregations running a hunger or homelessness ministry – eligible for funding up to \$1,000 to match local financial or in-kind contributions.
- Presbyterian congregations creating a new hunger ministry or adding to an existing hunger ministry with a new type of hunger/poverty initiative will be eligible for seed funds up to \$5,000 to match local financial or in-kind contributions.

**Deadline: October 31, 2008**

For more information:

<http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/grants.htm>

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## Mattel Children's Foundation

Through its Domestic Grantmaking Program, the Mattel Children's Foundation accepts unsolicited applications from communities throughout the United States. Charitable organizations that serve children are eligible to apply for grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000. Grant funds can be used to support the expansion of existing programs or the launch of new programs, or to provide support for administrative or general operating costs. Capital projects will not be funded.

The Foundation's priority areas include:

**Learning** - particularly for underserved children and for strategies that promote literacy

**Health** – with an emphasis on promoting healthy, active lifestyles

**Girl Empowerment** – Promoting self-esteem in young girls up to age 12

The foundation is interested in applications from programs that directly impact children with physical, financial, emotional or health-related needs. Programs should use innovative methods to address a locally defined need and have demonstrated results. Preference is given to organizations with operating budgets under \$1,000,000.

**Deadline July 15, 2008**

For more information

[http://www.mattel.com/about\\_us/philanthropy/ci\\_mcf\\_philanthropy\\_grantmaking.asp](http://www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp)

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## Improving Outreach and Services to Victims of Crime

The U. S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime is providing grants of up to \$10,000 to community-based or faith-based, grassroots organizations to improve their service and outreach to crime victims. Funds may be used for a variety of activities including developing program literature, training advocates, producing a newsletter, supporting victim outreach efforts and recruiting volunteers.

To be eligible, organizations must have a history of serving victims, have been in existence for at least one year, have an operating budget of \$50,000 or less and may not have been the recipient of VOCA funding.

Applicants are required to submit a letter of request (no more than 4 pages) and current letters of support to be considered for funding. For more information including details about the letter of request and examples of projects successfully funded, go to:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

**Deadline: Rolling**

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## Google for Non-Profit Organizations

Google offers a number of free tools to non-profit organizations to help make their work more effective. Google offers tools that can help an organization save time and money by streamlining the collection of donations, providing free email accounts, organizing shared calendars, and allowing staff and volunteers to collaborate on documents on-line.

Google tools can also help non-profit organizations find and engage supporters through Google grants, gadgets to drive traffic to an organization's website, on-line mapping programs to enhance presentations and free blogging tools.

For more information go to:

<http://www.google.com/nonprofits/>

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## National Trails Fund

The National Trails Fund, overseen by the American Hiking Society, funds the building and protection of hiking trails. Over the past eight years the fund has awarded nearly \$400,000 to over 100 grassroots organizations throughout the U. S. working to establish, protect and maintain foot trails.

This year, two types of awards are available:

- American Hiking Society Trail Grants – up to \$5,000
- Nature Valley Trail Grants – winners will be chosen by public vote for awards of \$5,000 each

To be eligible, projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Projects where hikers are the primary constituency
- Projects that secure trail lands
- Projects that ease access, improve hiker safety or avoid environmental damage
- Projects that support constituency-building surrounding specific trail projects.

**Deadline: August 15, 2008**

Applications must be submitted on-line. Follow the link for guidance:

<http://www.americanhiking.org/pdf/ourWork/2009%20NTF%20Final%20Guidelines.pdf>