

RESOURCES FOR PARKS GROUPS

This compendium of resources identifies major sources of support & information for parks groups in New York City

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NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

www.nyc.gov/parks

The principal mission of the Department of Parks & Recreation is to keep the parks, playgrounds, and sitting areas of New York City clean and safe, while also developing the City's recreational opportunities by offering quality facilities, programs, and events to meet the needs of all New Yorkers. Partnerships for Parks is a joint program of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation.

ARTS AND ANTIQUITIES

830 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10021

(212) 360-3410

Conserves and researches public art and monuments throughout New York City. Maintains historical files on monuments from the 19th century to the present.

CENTRAL FORESTRY

Olmsted Center, Room 47, Flushing, NY 11368

(718) 760-6794

Bronx (718) 430-1860

Brooklyn (718) 768-0223

Manhattan (212) 860-1844

Queens (718) 699-0873

Staten Island (718) 816-9193

Monitors and maintains street trees as well as park trees. Produces education materials on Asian Long-horned Beetle. Call your borough's forestry office to report trees in need of pruning. Forms for requesting a new tree, removal of a dead tree, or tree pruning are available online at www.nycgovparks.org/sub_permits_and_applications/forestry_permits.html

HISTORIC HOUSE TRUST

www.historichousetrust.org

830 Fifth Avenue, room 203, New York 10021

(212) 360-8123

Preserves and promotes the 20 historic house museums located in NYC Parks. Houses are located in all five boroughs and offer events, regular tours, and educational programs and materials for teachers.

NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP (NRG)

1234 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10029

(212) 360-1425

A team of biologists, natural resources managers, mapping scientists, and restoration ecologists working to protect, acquire, and restore natural areas in New York City. Creates computer generated vegetation maps, brochures on natural areas, and management plans for many City parks. Coordinates select volunteer opportunities in forest restoration and wildlife research.

NEW YORK TREE TRUST

Olmsted Center, Room 47, Flushing, NY 11368

(212) 360- TREE

A joint program of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation, the Tree Trust works to raise public awareness of the importance of urban forestry conservation and stewardship. Offers workshops and support to street tree and Green Street stewards. Runs the One Stop Tree Shop, which simplifies the process of donating a street tree.

PARKS ENFORCEMENT PATROL (PEP)

Central Office (212) 360-2778,79,80

Bronx (718) 430-1815

Brooklyn (718) 437-1350

Manhattan (212) 427-8700

Queens (718) 699-4273

Staten Island (718) 390-8003

Special Operation Unit (212) 410-8973

Deals with law enforcement issues within New York City parks.

URBAN PARK RANGERS

1234 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10029

1-866-NYC-HAWK; Fax: (212) 360-2791

Park rangers in New York City? Yes indeed. The Urban Park Rangers patrol NYC parks and educate the public about the City's natural resources. Rangers offer walking tours in all five boroughs on subjects ranging from astronomy to zoology to historic house interpretation. School groups may schedule environmental programs. Volunteers research local history, greet visitors, write grants, design flyers, and send program announcements related to Ranger programming.

CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

www.CityParksFoundation.org

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, nonprofit organization to offer park programs throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CPF works in over 700 parks citywide, presenting a broad range of free arts, sports and education programs and helping citizens to support their parks on a local level. Partnerships for Parks is a joint program of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation.

THE ARTS

Arts@CityParksFoundation.org

1234 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10029

(212) 360-8290

City Parks Foundation provides arts programming in New York City, presenting 900 performances annually to an aggregate audience of nearly half a million people. Programming spans the genres of popular, classical and world music, spoken word and puppetry. Major programs of CPF Arts include:

- **Central Park SummerStage** - Central Park SummerStage is one of New York City's premier multicultural performing arts festivals. Each year, SummerStage brings an eclectic mix of the finest musicians, dancers and word artists from around the globe into Central Park for an exciting series of both free and benefit performances. www.SummerStage.org
- **CityParks Concerts** - CityParks Concerts present free performances by an array of distinguished artists in parks throughout the city. Shows range from Afro-Cuban jazz to contemporary gospel, from hip-hop to reggae, and everything in between.
- **Puppets in the Parks** - Puppets in the Parks, one of the only travelling puppet theaters in the country, brings Swedish Cottage productions and puppet making workshops to all corners of the city, free of charge. Traveling the five boroughs of the city in a "puppetmobile" equipped with a stage, our staff of professional puppeteers entertains 70,000 children and families annually. Please call (212) 639-1697 for information about the Puppet Mobile's schedule in your neighborhood school or park.
- **Readings in the Parks** - Readings in the Parks brings the joy of reading and storytelling to more than 10,000 children each year at local parks and playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. Professional storytellers and authors engage children and their guardians with innovative presentations of books and stories throughout June, July and August, free of charge.

SPORTS

Sports@CityParksFoundation.org

(718) 699-4200

City Parks Foundation's sports programs bring free expert instruction in tennis, golf and track & field into parks citywide. Programs of CPF Sports are:

- **CityParks Track & Field** - CityParks Track & Field provides a fun way for children throughout New York City to learn the basics of track and field. Launched in the summer of 2002, this program provides free coaching to boys and girls ages 8-14. The curriculum consists not only of sprints and relay races, but also of instruction in javelin throwing, shot put, jumping and hurdles. This six-week summer program concludes with children displaying the basic skills learned at an organized track meet. Please call (718) 699-4200 for more information or to register.
- **CityParks Golf** - CityParks Golf Camps offer children in New York an opportunity to learn the basics of golf, right in their own neighborhood free of charge. The program provides free instruction from July through August at public parks and golf courses throughout the five boroughs. A 3-level program is offered for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate players. City Parks Foundation also offers a Junior Golf Academy for advanced players. For more information and an application, call (718) 699-4200.
- **CityParks Tennis** - One of the largest municipal tennis programs in the country, CityParks Tennis provides free lessons to 10,000 children and seniors each year at 40 citywide parks. A variety of programs are offered for all skill levels. For more information, call (718) 699-4200.

EDUCATION

1234 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029

(212) 360-1399

City Parks Foundation's education department connects teachers, students and families to local parks by providing hands-on programs that meet specific community needs and public educational standards. CPF Education offers classroom, afterschool and teacher-training programs in parks, schools and Recreation Centers across New York City. Some programs include:

- **Seeds to Trees** - An interdisciplinary nature & science program for grades k-3, Seeds to Trees introduces science and nature into the urban environment through classroom lessons and park trips where children meet wildlife in its natural state. Applicants are accepted on a first-come basis.
- **Green Girls** - Green Girls is an innovative enrichment program developed in collaboration with the East Harlem's Young Women's leadership school, the only public, all-girls school in New York City. Through after-school, off-campus and summertime experiences, the program fosters personal development and careers in the sciences, utilizing diverse projects, professional mentoring, field trips and community service. This collaboration serves predominately young women of color in grades 7 through 12, from under-resourced neighborhoods in upper Manhattan and the Bronx.
- **Greening Your Lessons** - Greening Your Lessons is an outdoor professional development program for elementary school teachers. At this institute, participants will practice important field methods, learn to implement hands-on activities that integrate science and language arts, and use local parks as outdoor classrooms. Teachers will take home curricula, field materials, and a plethora of ideas for future lessons that are aligned with mandated standards. For more information call: (212) 360-2746 or (212) 360-2745.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

CAUSE-EFFECTIVE

www.causeeffective.org

505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1212, New York, NY 10018-6512

(212) 643-7093; Fax: (212) 643-0137

Helps non-profit organizations build their capacities to develop human and financial resources through special events planning and production, board development, marketing and promotion, overall resource development planning, and development of individual donors and volunteers.

CITIZENS FOR NEW YORK CITY

www.citizensnyc.org

305 Seventh Avenue, 15th Floor, New York NY 10001-6008

(212) 989-0909; Fax: (212) 989-0983

Offers technical assistance and training for community groups, including parks groups. Neighborhood Leadership Institute offers free workshops on Proposal-Writing, Strategic Planning and Incorporation and Tax-Exemption. Call for a schedule or to pre-register. Publishes self-help and informational publications, many of which are free. Presents cash awards up to \$500 provided through the year-round Building Block Awards Program, BK for Better Neighborhoods Awards and the annual Mollie Parnis "Dress Up Your Neighborhood" Awards. In addition, the annual Neighborhood Environmental Action Awards Program (NEAP) provides grants up to \$5000 to support community groups in low-income neighborhoods who tackle critical environmental issues.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

www.crenyc.org

39 Broadway, 10th Floor, New York NY 10006

(212) 894-3394; Fax: (212) 616-4994

Provides management assistance to nonprofit groups. Periodically offers training workshops, including one on Fundraising by Your Board of Directors. Also provides free workshops. Expensive consulting services, but scholarships are available.

COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS

www.cof.org

Provides leadership expertise, legal services, grant searches and networking opportunities to their member organizations as well as the general public.

LAWYERS ALLIANCE FOR NEW YORK

www.lany.org

330 Seventh Avenue, 19th Floor New York, NY 10001

(212) 219-1800; Fax: (212) 941-7458

Staff attorneys and a network of more than 650 volunteers from leading law firms, banks and corporations offer nonprofit and community development clients a complete range of non-litigation legal assistance. To become a client, you must request services through an application form. If you are accepted as a client, you must pay a \$375 administrative fee.

NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

www.nylpi.org

151 West 30th Street, 11th Floor New York, NY 10001-4007

(212) 244-4664; Fax: (212) 244-4570

A nonprofit legal office which provides free legal assistance for eligible low income community groups. Call them to find out whether you are eligible.

NONPROFIT CONNECTION

www.nonprofitconnection.org

One Hanson Place, Room 2504, Brooklyn NY 11243

(718) 230-3200; Fax: (212) 399-3428

Offers customized management consultations, trainings, and access to information and resources.

NONPROFIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK

www.npcny.org

1350 Broadway, Suite 1801, New York NY 10018

(212) 502-4191; Fax: (212) 502-4189

Works to create a network of non-profit organizations in New York City. Provides public and members-only services. "Who Does What," a publicly-accessible page on its website, is a searchable database of nonprofits that offer technical assistance, including management, financial, legal and other such resources, to other nonprofit organizations. services include workshops in management issues, vendor discounts, low-rate liability insurance, advocacy information, a monthly newsletter, and federal grants information. Membership dues for groups with annual operating budgets under \$100,000 are \$25 per year.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS

www.partnershipsforparks.org

830 5th Avenue, New York NY 10021

(212) 360-1310; Fax: (212) 360-8176

A joint program of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and the City Parks Foundation. Works to support community involvement in neighborhood parks by starting and strengthening neighborhood-based parks organizations. Provides organizational development training, small grants, and general support through a citywide staff of eleven borough-based outreach coordinators.

SUPPORT CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

www.supportctr.org

305 Seventh Avenue, 11th Floor, New York NY 10001-6008

(212) 924-6744; Fax: (212) 924-9544

Provides management training and consulting services. Publishes a book on grant writing called Winning Grants Step by Step, available for \$30. Also offers classes on writing grants. Classes range from \$55-\$175 each, but some scholarships are available.

FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

BANKS

The Community Reinvestment Act requires banks to invest in the communities in which they collect deposits. Because of this, most large banks have a centrally-administered community grants program that you can apply to for small grants, usually at the beginning of the year. The branch managers of these banks also have money that they can give to neighborhood community groups at their discretion. To get a larger grant, your program should probably include some kind of economic development, like selling locally-grown produce or employing local youth.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE MONITOR

www.cdpublications.com

CD Publications, 8204 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

(800) 666-6380; Fax: (301) 588-6385

Provides up-to-date listings of new federal and private funding opportunities for community based programs. A 12-month subscription costs \$349; 6-month subscriptions are \$192. Complementary issues are available upon request.

GRANTS.GOV

www.grants.gov

(800) 518-GRANTS

Permits organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grantmaking agencies.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

www.nfwf.org

1120 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036

(202) 857-0166

A comprehensive list of grant opportunities for projects benefiting conservation education, habitat protection and restoration, and natural resource management.

SELIGER EDITING & WRITING

www.editingandwriting.com

Box 1818, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610

Provides document preparation services to individuals, nonprofit organizations and businesses. The company will complete or edit the narrative sections of grant proposals for federal, state, local or foundation/corporate giving sources.

**For information on freelance grantwriters and individual consultants, please call 212-360-8180.*

THE CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE

www.cfda.gov

A comprehensive list of all grants offered by the Federal Government available through State and local governments.

THE FOUNDATION CENTER

www.fdncenter.org

79 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10003

(212) 620-4230

Operates a free public library with factual data on foundation and corporate philanthropy. Free, excellent orientation sessions and reference librarians on duty to assist visitors. Free workshops on fundraising and grantwriting. Distributes copies of New York/New Jersey Area Common Application Form and Common Report Form. Hosts occasional “Meet the Grantmakers” forums. Call for information on special programs for funding research and related subjects.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS AND EDUCATION

Council on the Arts

The New York City and New York State Arts Councils annually grant money to borough arts councils that are responsible for re-granting the funds to community groups. The grants can be used to fund all kinds of arts programs—concerts, theater, dance, storytelling, arts and crafts for kids, public art, murals, etc. Each borough council has a different application and a different deadline. To find out more about the program in your borough, contact:

Bronx: Bronx Council on the Arts

(718) 931-9500

www.bronxarts.org

Brooklyn: Brooklyn Arts Council

(718) 625-0080

www.brooklynartscouncil.org

Manhattan: Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

(212) 219-9401

www.lmcc.net

Queens: Queens Council on the Arts

(718) 647-3377

www.queenscouncilarts.org

Staten Island: Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island

(718) 447-3329

www.statenislandarts.org

Target Community Giving Grants Program

www.target.com

Contact: (718) 235-6032 for Brooklyn Store, or (718) 760-5656 for Queens Place

Deadline: July 31

How much: \$1000 to \$5000

What: Target provides funding to organizations that work in the areas of arts, education, and family violence prevention.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Balance Bar Food Company

Balance Bar Grants c/o Hunter PR, 41 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10010

www.balance.com/grants

Community Grants

Contact: balancecommunitygrants@hunterpr.com

Deadline: August 30, 2006

How much: \$1,000-\$25,000

What: This program provides financial support to enable communities and organizations to pursue physical activities that enrich their lives. The grant must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation

30 Community Drive, South Burlington VT 05403-6828

www.benjerry.com/foundation/

Contact: (802) 846-1500

Deadline: Ongoing

How much: \$1,000 to \$15,000

What: Funds not-for-profit grassroots organizations working for progressive social change by addressing the underlying concerns of social and environmental problems. Submit a letter of inquiry to apply (see Web site for further details).

Citizens for NYC

305 Seventh Avenue, 15th Floor, New York NY 10001

www.citizensnyc.org

Building Block Award

Contact: Neighborhood Resources Department, (212) 989-0909x410

Deadline: Call for information or to be put on the Citizens' Committee mailing list.

How much: Up to \$500

What: Awards for new organizing efforts of volunteer block, civic, faith based, neighborhood, and tenant associations in New York City. Communications projects such as workshops, newsletters, public awareness campaigns, etc. as well as innovative approaches to any neighborhood issue are included as well.

JP Morgan Chase Drug and Crime Prevention Awards

Contact: Neighborhood Anti-Crime Center, (212) 989-0909

Deadline: March

How much: Varies

What: These awards enable neighborhood groups to stop drug traffic, provide support services for youth, launch anti-violence campaigns, promote drug education and drug awareness, and create positive alternatives for drug users and those at risk.

Mollie Parnis "Dress Up Your Neighborhood" Award

Contact: Neighborhood Resources Department, (212) 989-0909x410

Deadline: No set deadline; awards are given every year. Call for information or to be put on the Citizens' Committee mailing list.

How much: Up to \$500

What: Cash awards are given for proposed neighborhood beautification projects. Projects may include community gardens, plantings, spruce-ups, graffiti removals, murals, clean-ups, park improvements, and outreach projects that increase awareness and support for community beautification efforts such as media, educational events or publications.

Neighborhood Environmental Action Program (NEAP)

Contact: Neighborhood Resources Department, (212) 989-0909x413

Deadline: Late winter

How much: Up to \$5,000

What: Provide financial and technical support to groups working to preserve, protect, and improve the urban environment in low-income neighborhoods, including groups working to protect open space.

The New Neighborhood Partners Awards

Contact: Neighborhood Resources Department, (212) 989-0909

Deadline: Call for information or to be put on the Citizens' Committee mailing list.

How much: \$350 to \$1,500

What: Supports projects that bring immigrant and non-immigrant neighborhood groups together to resolve neighborhood problems while reducing intercultural bias. Such projects include multicultural events, civic involvement efforts and coalition building.

Community Training and Assistance Center/Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

30 Winter Street, Boston MA 02108

www.ctacusa.com/mott.html

Contact: (617) 423-1444

Deadline: Call for information

How much: up to \$15,000

What: Supports low-income groups which identify and address problems in their own neighborhoods, rather than efforts carried out or led by others on their behalf. Groups must have a multi-issue focus on strengthening a specific low-income neighborhood, or neighborhoods in a specific area.

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Urban & Community Forestry Program

625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-4253

www.dec.state.ny.us

Contact: (518) 402-9418

Deadline: Call for information

How much: \$3,500-\$10,000

What: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, as part of a tree planting partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has funds available for urban and community forestry tree planting projects. Individual grants must be equally matched by local resources. Grant funding must be used by local communities for tree planting on public sites in neighborhoods and parks.

Fund for Wild Nature

P.O. Box 42523, Portland, OR 97242

www.fundwildnature.org

Contact: (503) 230-0075, or fwn@fundwildnature.org

Deadline: November 4

How Much: \$1,000 to \$2,500

What: Provides money for campaigns designed to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity.

Independence Community Foundation

182 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11201

www.icfny.org

Contact: (718) 722-2300, or inquiries@icfny.org

Deadline: March 30th and September 30th

How much: \$500 to \$5,000

What: Supports neighborhood-based groups working in three areas: Neighborhood Renewal; Education, Culture and the Arts; and Community Quality of Life. Small grants are also given by the branches of the Independence Community Bank. A letter of inquiry is required.

National Tree Trust

1120 G Street, NW, Suite 770, Washington, D.C. 20005

www.nationaltreetrust.org

Seeds Program for Organizational Support

Contact: (800) 846-TREE

Deadline: Varies

How Much: Varies

What: Helps to strengthen the capacity of 501(c)(3) urban and community forestry organizations by providing matching grants for day to day operations.

Roots Program for Community Action

Contact: (800) 846-TREE

Deadline: Varies

How Much: Varies

What: Supports 501(c)(3) urban and community forestry, and conservation-related organizations working to improve the health of their urban and community forest by assisting groups as they implement projects.

New York Foundation

350 Fifth Avenue, Room 2901, New York NY 10118-2996

www.nyf.org

Contact: (212) 594-8009

Deadlines: March 1, July 1, November 1

How much: \$40,000-\$60,000

What: Supports groups in New York City that are working on problems of urgent concern to residents of disadvantaged communities and neighborhoods. They are particularly interested in start-up grants to new, untested programs that have few other sources of support.

North Star Fund

305 Seventh Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10001

www.northstarfund.org

Contact: (212) 620-9110

Deadline: Call for information

How much: \$2,000-\$10,000

What: Dedicated to building a permanent financial and institutional base for social change, the Fund helps groups who use activism to address the root causes of social injustice.

Partnerships for Parks Capacity Fund

49 Chambers Street, Room 1027, New York NY 10007

www.partnershipsforparks.org

Contact: (212) 360-8180

Deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1

How much: \$250-\$5,000

What: Supports community-based groups and organizations in an effort to help them grow their ability to care for their parks. The grants support park projects occurring within the five boroughs of New York City.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION / CLEAN UP**Hudson River Foundation**

17 Battery Place, Suite 915 New York, NY 10004

www.hudsonriver.org

Hudson River Improvement Fund

Contact: (212) 483-7667

Deadlines: October

How much: Varies

What: Funds projects that enhance the public use and enjoyment of the natural, scenic, and cultural resources of the Hudson River and its shores. Emphasis placed on increasing public access, building and equipping education facilities, and restoring natural habitat.

New York City Environmental Fund

Contact: (212) 483-7667

Deadlines: Call for information

How much: \$5,000 to \$50,000 (average grants \$15,000)

What: The fund supports projects that foster restoration, care, public enjoyment of and education about the natural resources of New York City. It will fund general environmental education programs and encourages community involvement.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036

www.nfwf.org/programs

Native Plant Conservation Initiative

Contact: (202) 857-0166

Deadline: August 15

How Much: \$5,000-\$40,000 (average grants \$15,000)

What: Federal grant dollars are available to support nonprofit organizations in their effort to promote the conservation of native plants. Funds need to be matched by non-federal contributions. In kind contributions of goods or services are eligible matches.

Patagonia Environmental Grants Program

Lisa Pike, Patagonia, Inc., PO Box 150, Ventura CA, 93002

www.patagonia.com/enviro/grants_app.shtml

Contact: (917) 441-0011 for Columbus Avenue Store, or (212) 343-1776 for Wooster Street Store.

Deadline: April 30 and August 31

How much: \$3,000 to \$8,000

What: Patagonia provides funding for environmental work, with a preference for organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Supports work that is action-oriented; builds public involvement and support; is strategic; focuses on root causes; and accomplishes specific goals and objectives. The company supports small, grassroots activist organizations with direct-action agendas.

The Conservation Fund

1800 North Kent Street, Suite 1120, Arlington, VA, 22209-2156

www.conservationfund.org

Banrock Station Wines Wetlands Conservation Program

Contact: (703) 525-6300 or banrock@conservationfund.org.

Deadline: Call for information

How much: \$1,000 to \$5,000

What: Provides funding to nonprofit groups that are planning and implementing wetlands conservation and/or restoration at the local level.

Kodak American Greenway Grants

Contact: (703) 525-6300 or greenways@conservationfund.org.

Deadline: June 1

How much: Up to \$2,500

What: Provides small grants to nonprofit groups to stimulate the planning and design of greenways.

HORTICULTURE**National Gardening Association**

1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington VT 05403

www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp

Healthy Sprouts Award

Contact: 1-800-538-7476

Deadline: March 31

How much: An award package of seeds, tools, garden products, educational resources for growing a vegetable garden, \$500 cash and a \$200 gift certificate to a gardening catalog.

What: Supports schools and community organizations that use gardens to teach about nutrition and explore the issue of hunger in the United States.

Kids Growing with Dutch Bulbs

Contact: 1-800-538-7476

Deadline: April 1st

How much: 200 premium Dutch flowering bulbs.

What: Supports schools which possess student involvement, curriculum integration and

administrative support.

Youth Garden Grant

Contact: 1-800-538-7476

Deadline: November 30th

How much: An award package which includes tools, seeds, garden products and educational resources.

What: Will award gardening supplies to 300 schools and community organizations working with groups of children. Selection will be based on leadership, educational, social and/or environmental programming, innovation and sustainability, need and community support.

Scott's Give Back to Grow Awards

c/o Weber Shandwick Worldwide, 555 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63101

www.miraclegro.com

Contact: 1-866-565-3554

Deadline: December 2, 2005

How much: \$2,500-\$5,000

What: Honors individuals who take pride in giving back to their communities through gardening. Nominations will be accepted for Classroom Gardener of the Year, Good Neighbor Gardener of the Year, Urban Greenup Gardener of the Year and Community Beautification Gardener of the Year.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Common Counsel Foundation

1221 Preservation Park Way, #101, Oakland, CA, 94612

www.commoncounsel.org/pages/gxf_application_procedure.html

Grassroots Exchange Fund

Contact: 510-834-2995

Deadline: Open

How Much: \$300-\$800

What: The program provides small grants to build bridges between grassroots organizations throughout the United States. GXF prioritizes grants to small community-based groups seeking to meet face-to-face with other grassroots organizations, to build collaborative campaigns, and to benefit from technical assistance opportunities. Grants will be given to cover training, travel, or conference expenses. The fund typically makes grants to grassroots organizations working on economic, environmental, and social-justice initiatives that give voice to the needs of low-income people, women, youth, and people of color.

Taproot Foundation

150 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201

www.taprootfoundation.org

Annual Report Service Grant

Contact: (718) 923-1400 x243

Deadline: March 1st, June 1st

How Much: Varies

What: The program will provide a nonprofit organization with the processes and tools to produce an annual report each year, as well an initial version for the first year. It is designed to serve an organization that needs a professionally designed and written annual report and is committed to publishing annual reports regularly. The grant will result in a ten- to twelve-page print-ready and/or pdf electronic copy of an annual report that provides an annual-report template, which remains relevant for at least five years. The grant will also provide a detailed project plan for updating the report each year.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167

www.baseballtomorrowfund.com

Deadline: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st

How Much: Varies

What: The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, offers grants to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs. The Fund is most interested in projects that help: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs and that create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs.

Charles Hayden Foundation

140 Broadway, 51st Floor New York, NY 10005

www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/hayden

Contact: (212) 785-3677

Deadline: No set deadline

How much: \$15,000 – \$560,000

What: Supports programs which involve children and youth ages three to eighteen in the New York and Boston metropolitan areas, with a focus on those institutions and programs serving youth most at risk of not reaching their full potential, especially youth in low-income communities. Priority is given to programs that intervene early in young people's lives, before a pattern of failure has been established, and provide consistent, relatively intensive opportunities and support over many years.

Laura B. Vogler Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 610508 Bayside, NY 11361-0508

www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/vogler

Contact: (718) 423-3000

Deadlines: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st.

How Much: \$2,500 to \$5,000

What: The Foundation expects to make modest sized grants to organizations concerned with the health, well being and education of children, the disadvantaged, and the elderly. Specific programs or projects, rather than general operating support or capital programs, are favored.

Mattel Children's Foundation

333 Continental Blvd. Mail Stop: M1-1418 El Segundo, CA 90245

www.mattel.com

Contact: (310) 252-2908

Deadlines: April 8th and September 30th

How Much: \$5,000-\$25,000

What: The Foundation expects to make grants to organizations throughout the United States that creatively address a local need directly impacting children. Areas of interest include health, education and girls' empowerment.

Nickelodeon "Let's Just Play" Giveaway

P.O. Box 10850 Rochester, NY 14610

www.nick.com/myworld/letsjustplay/giveaway.jhtml

Deadline: Rolling until May 31, 2006

How much: \$5,000

What: Supports kids in the United States by allowing them to improve their school, or community center's fitness resources. The objective is to encourage healthy and active lifestyles for youth and their families. Projects must promote and facilitate play in the child's community.

The Captain Planet Foundation

One CNN Center, Suite 1090 Atlanta, GA 30303

www.captainplanetfdn.org

Deadline: March 31st

How much: \$250-\$2,500

What: Supports hands-on environmental projects for youth. The objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower youth to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their communities. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, involve children and young adults, promote interaction and cooperation within the group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, and include adult supervision.

The Levitt Foundation

c/o The Philanthropic Group 630 Fifth Avenue, 20th floor New York, NY 10111

www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/levitt

Contact: (212) 501-7785

Deadline: Call Barbara R. Greenberg for information

How Much: \$35,000-\$500,000

What: Funds programs that enable young people (ages 6-18) to understand and value their environment, and take action to improve or protect the natural or built environments in their own neighborhoods; provide children and youth with ongoing opportunities to build their confidence and self-esteem, citizenship skills and leadership abilities; and are sponsored by neighborhood and community-based organizations (rather than schools).

The Merck Foundation

303 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186

www.merckff.org

Contact: 617-696-3580

Deadline: No set deadline.

How Much: \$7,000 – \$35,000

What: Supports work by communities who are confronting significant social, economic, and environmental challenges. The two areas of focus for the Fund are to create green and open space, and to support youth as agents of social change.

The Starbucks Foundation

2401 Utah Avenue South S-SR-1, Suite 800 Seattle, WA 98134

www.Starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp

Youth Leadership Grant Program

Contact: 206-318-7022

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry, March 1st, 2006

How Much: \$5,000 – \$20,000

What: Supports local non-profit organizations that serve low-income, at-risk youth. The *Power of Literacy* grant supports programs that encourage commitment to social equity, justice and environmental awareness through writing, literacy, and the promotion of the voices of youth in public forums. The *Leaders in Diversity* grant funds programs that teach the value of diversity, with an emphasis on the development leadership skills to develop understanding between individuals, groups and communities.

Tony Hawk Foundation

1611-A South Melrose Drive, #360, Vista, CA 92081

www.tonyhawkfoundation.org

Contact: 760-447-2479

Deadline: March 1st and September 1st

How Much: \$1,000-\$25,000

What: Supports and promotes high quality, public skate parks in low-income areas throughout the United States. Grants are awarded to encourage and facilitate the design, development and construction of new skate parks and facilities.

RESOURCE ASSISTANCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.

ACTION WITHOUT BORDERS, INC.—

IDEALIST

www.idealists.org

One of the largest clearinghouses of nonprofit-related information on the Internet, organizations can create a page on the Idealist website where they can enter and update information about their mission, services, volunteer opportunities, internships, campaigns, upcoming events, etc., all for free.

CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (CASES), INC.

www.cases.org

346 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York NY 10013

(212) 732-0076; Fax: (212) 571-0292

Provides alternative sentencing and employment services to first-time felony offenders and repeat misdemeanants 16-21 years of age. Crews are available to help with long-term projects in neighborhood parks.

CITY VOLUNTEER CORPS

838 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York NY 10003

(212) 475-6444 x338; Fax: (212) 475-9457

Enrolls young people aged 17-20 to work on community service projects for government and non-profit agencies. Ten to fifteen member volunteer teams work on human and physical service projects throughout NYC. CVC assigns a field supervisor to each team to assist community groups with their garden projects. Community groups using CVC must be able to provide training of volunteers and additional full-time supervisors for teams.

NEW YORK CARES

www.nycares.org

214 West 29th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10001

(212) 228-5000; Fax: (212) 228-6414

Facilitates volunteerism in New York by matching teams and projects around the city. Works with Partnerships for Parks to develop corporate cleanup projects in all five boroughs. Partners with organizations who need team-based, hands-on volunteers, and who have projects that can be scheduled on weekday evenings and weekends. Administers the Community Grapevine, an online listing of volunteer opportunities in New York City.

VOLUNTEER MATCH

www.volunteermatch.org

A nonprofit online service that helps interested volunteers get involved with community service organizations throughout the United States. Volunteers enter their ZIP code on the web site to find local volunteer opportunities matching their interests and schedules. Organizations can post volunteer opportunities by registering as “guests” on the site. To register, organizations need to provide their Employee Identification Number, or that of their fiscal sponsor, to create an account.

OPEN SPACE DESIGN CONSULTING

PRATT INSTITUTE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

www.picced.org

379 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205

(718) 636-3486; Fax: (718) 636-3709

Provides technical assistance in architecture and planning to community-based nonprofits. Offers assistance in architectural planning, open space planning and design, and urban planning. Assists groups according to needs of project, scope of work as agreed upon by center and group. Works on both a fee-for-service and pro-bono basis. For assistance, call or e-mail with a description of your organization, your project and the type of assistance you need.

PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES

www.pps.org

153 Waverly Place, New York NY 10014

(212) 620-5660; Fax: (212) 620-3821

Provides consulting services in park rehabilitation, public space planning, design, and management. Offers technical assistance materials—publications, audio/video supplies, exhibitions, and slides/images—on topics from public art and architecture to schools and urban sprawl.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION & ADVOCACY

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB-NEW YORK / NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER

www.amc-ny.org

5 Tudor City Place, New York, NY 10017

(212) 986-1430; Fax: (212) 986-1432

AMC promotes the protection, enjoyment and safe use of the mountains, rivers and trails of the Appalachian region through conservation, education and recreation efforts. The New York-North Jersey Chapter applies the principles of the national AMC to the environmental issues facing the New York region. Offers events such as hikes, walks, biking, canoeing and kayaking trips. Provides public services to their local communities such as youth opportunity and trail programs. Also conducts monthly Orientation Nights and New Member Parties.

GOTHAM GAZETTE

www.gothamgazette.com

An online daily publication of the Citizens' Union Foundation covering New York City issues. Features news, commentary, and analysis of current events. A section on Parks features special coverage of issues relating to the creation, preservation, restoration, maintenance, and best use of NYC parks. The Searchlight section provides detailed information on each Council District and in-depth election coverage during election years.

NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACE COALITION

www.treebranch.com/nosc/index.htm

356 7th Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York NY 10001

(212) 352-9330; Fax: (212) 385-6095

Advocates for a city-wide open space policy and reviews the city budget for parks and open space. Provides low-cost liability insurance to community gardens and parks groups. Publishes a monthly email newsletter, *Urban Outdoors*, highlighting open space news and issues.

NEW YORK LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

www.nylcv.org

29 Broadway, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10006

(212) 361-6350; Fax: (212) 361-6363

Seeks to make environmental protection a top priority with New York's elected officials, political candidates and voters. Endorses pro-environment candidates, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, and produces Regional Green Voters Guides which feature both background information on and candidates' responses to environmental issues in their districts. Also works to educate New Yorkers and elected officials about environmental issues through its Waterfront Park Coalition and other initiatives.

NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (NYPIRG)

www.nypirg.org

9 Murray Street, 3rd floor, New York NY 10007

(212) 349-6460; Fax: (212) 349-1366

Non-profit citizens' advocacy organization concerned with environmental protection, consumer protection, and political reform. CMAP, NYPIRG's Community Mapping Assistance Project, creates interactive maps to educate & support New York City activists.

NEW YORKERS FOR PARKS (NY4P)

www.ny4p.org

457 Madison Avenue, 6th Floor, New York NY 10022

(212) 838-9410

Represents a coalition of civic, greening, recreation, and economic development organizations. Serves as an independent watchdog to raise awareness about parks and their importance to New York City. Maintains publicly accessible “report cards” on parks and natural areas in all five boroughs, using techniques developed by the Parks Department and the Central Park Conservancy.

OASIS (Open Accessible Space Information Systems)

www.oasisnyc.net

A partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, private companies, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations has created an interactive map of New York City’s green infrastructure to enhance the stewardship of open space. Search the map to learn about land ownership, pollution sources, census data, and a wealth of other information.

SIERRA CLUB—ATLANTIC CHAPTER

newyork.sierraclub.org/nyc/index.html

P.O. Box 728, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150

(212) 539-4588

The Sierra Club is a non-profit, member-supported, environmental advocacy organization. The Atlantic Chapter applies the principles of the national Sierra Club to the environmental issues facing New York State. Publishes email action alerts and holds regular meetings on local issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

www.alleypond.com

228-06 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston, NY 11363

718-229-4000 x102 / *info@alleypond.com*

Offers environmental education programs for school groups in ecology and life sciences. Can travel to other parks or sites. Fees for sessions range from \$95 to \$75 depending on the number of sessions booked. The Center also has free information for the public, trails, and a petting zoo.

BROOKLYN CENTER FOR THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

www.bcue.org

The Tennis House, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY 11215-9992

718-788-8500; Fax: (718)499-3750 / *info@bcue.org*

Works with community groups and government agencies towards solutions to problems that are science-based. The center, through their neighborhood environmental program, also advocates for the improvement of the community through hands on activity.

COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF NEW YORK CITY

www.cenyc.org

51 Chambers Street, Room 228, New York NY 10007

(212) 788-7900; Fax: (212) 788-7913

See "Horticulture/Gardens" listings for further information.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION

www.eacnyc.org

29 Broadway, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10006

(212) 825-3367; Fax: (212) 825-3368

Online educational resources including an environmental issues "primer," a curriculum for elementary school students on trees, and illustrated books in PDF format.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

www.epa.gov/teachers

www.epa.gov/students

An online center for environmental education resources that includes curriculum information, ideas for volunteer/community service projects, grants and other information. Topics covered include watersheds, air quality, waste management, and human health.

THE NARROWS BOTANICAL GARDEN

69th St and Shore Rd, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, 11209

718-238-1692 / *helen.bruno@calhoun.org*

Offers free tours in September, October, and April through June for 4th through 6th graders of the 4.5-acre native plant garden that include lessons on native plant use and pond ecology.

URBAN PARK RANGERS

1234 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10029

1-866-NYC-HAWK; Fax: (212) 360-2791

See “City of New York: Parks & Recreation” listings for further information.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Education Department, Bronx Zoo, 2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10460

1-800-937-5131 or 718-220-5131 / Fax: 718-733-4460

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) manages the New York Zoos (Bronx, Queens, Prospect Park and Central Park) and the NY Aquarium. WCS offers teacher trainings, environmental education for schools, and family programs for toddlers.

HORTICULTURE/GARDENS

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL FUND

www.america-the-beautiful.org

1730 K St., NW, Suite 1002, Washington, DC 20006

(202) 638-1649; Fax: (202) 638-1687

Provides seeds to volunteers and groups for the cost of postage and handling (\$14.95 for first 100 packets, \$5.00 for each additional 100 packets). Special seed packets for schools are available through Green Earth program.

BRONX GREEN-UP

www.nybg.org/bgu/

The New York Botanical Garden, Mill Offices, 200th Street and Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY 10458

(718) 817-8026; Fax: (718) 817-8018

Provides free on-site technical assistance, resource referrals, and compost information. Truck service for garden materials; compost, seeds and plants given away when available. This program supports **Bronx sites only**.

BROOKLYN GREENBRIDGE

www.bbg.org

Brooklyn Botanical Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

(718) 623-7250

A program of the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Greenbridge supports neighborhood and community groups who are starting new gardening projects or continuing existing programs through technical assistance and free plants, seeds and compost. This program supports **Brooklyn sites only**.

COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF NEW YORK CITY

www.cenyc.org

51 Chambers Street, Room 228, New York NY 10007

(212) 788-7900; Fax: (212) 788-7913

Grow Truck

A mobile manual garden tool lending service that makes site visits throughout the five boroughs and loans tools for free to community garden groups, block associations, tenant associations, schools, etc.

Open Space Greening Program

Provides technical and material assistance to community open space projects. Annual plant and bulb sales for community gardens. Street tree information also available. Phone for an appointment to use the Gardening Library.

GREEN GUERRILLAS

www.greenguerillas.org

151 West 30th St., 10th Floor, New York, NY 10025

(212) 594-2155; Fax: (212) 594-2380

Provides technical assistance to community gardeners and regularly distributes free shrubs, trees, bulbs, flowers and containers. Offers special assistance in areas of composting, garden preservation and volunteer recruitment.

GREENTHUMB

www.greenthumbnyc.org

49 Chambers Street, Rm. 1020, New York NY 10007

(212) 788-8070; Fax: (212) 788-8052

Supports the more than 600 community gardens in New York City with technical assistance, design training, and material grants. Publishes a regular newsletter, the Green Thumb Print, and hosts the annual Green Thumb Grow Together, a day-long symposium and series of workshops for garden groups.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

www.hsny.org

128 West 58th Street, New York NY 10019

(212) 757-0915; Fax: (212) 246-1207

Offers workshops and special classes in the cultivation of vegetables, flowers, shrubs, and trees.

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

www.tpl.org

666 Broadway, 9th Floor, New York NY 10012

(212) 677-7171; Fax: (212) 353-2052

Through its Neighborhood Open Space Management Grant, supports efforts by grassroots gardening and open space groups to strengthen their organizations and increase local participation.

TREES/FORESTRY

TREES NEW YORK

www.treesny.com

280 Broadway, Room 432, New York NY 10007

(212) 227-1887; Fax: (212) 566-3795

Offers Citizen Pruner courses in which individuals can learn proper care of trees and become official stewards of the street trees of New York. Courses are offered in the spring and fall and cost \$80 for 12 hours over a four-week period. The fee includes a five-year membership in Trees New York. Graduates can join a city-wide network of tree care volunteers. Literature on street trees is also available.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

www.dec.state.ny.us

Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21st Street, L.I.C., NY 11101

(718) 482-4942; Fax: (718) 482-4502

Provides technical assistance for all aspects of urban forestry; staff will make site visits if needed. Free publications and tree seedlings available on request. Teacher training workshops given for Arbor Day and Project Learning Tree curricula.

WATERFRONT

AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

www.alsnyc.org

28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693

(718) 318-9344

A national non-profit organization that seeks to encourage a better scientific and public understanding of the marine environment and provide a unified voice advocating protection the nation's shorelines. Sponsors the annual Coastal Cleanup Day each September. Members receive a quarterly magazine, newsletters, and field trip announcements.

FLOATING THE APPLE

400 West 43rd St #32R, New York, NY 10036

212-564-5412 / floapple@aol.com

www.floatingtheapple.org

Free open-water rowing programs for junior high and high school students out of four community boathouses in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and New Jersey. Also offers boat-building and boating instruction.

HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER

112 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-454-7673 / ClassWaves@Clearwater.Org

www.clearwater.org

The Clearwater offers chartered group sails for schools, education centers, and youth groups. Groups wishing to sail on Clearwater can take advantage of our program of chartered sails. A field trip on the sloop can cover history, biology, general science, or environmental science. Teachers and group leaders are aided in the development of such units with resource materials provided by the Clearwater staff. Trips are scheduled at least 5 months in advance, so plan ahead. The fees for school groups are \$900 for a three-hour sail.

METROPOLITAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE

www.waterwire.net

457 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022

(800) 364-9943; Fax: (888) 486-9688

A network of organizations and individuals working to help reclaim the harbor, rivers and estuaries of the New York and New Jersey waterfront. Through education, grassroots organizing, and media alerts, advocates for public participation in decisions about the future of the urban waterfront. Publishes a weekly email newsletter, Waterwire, that covers waterfront news and issues.

PROJECT WET

Stony Kill Farm EEC, 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

914-831-8780 / sseschba@ny.dec.state.ny.us

www.montana.edu:80/wwwwet/

A water education program for grades K through 12 containing 90 activities covering such topics as water quality, water management, and water conservation. Staff throughout the country hold educator workshops and distribute curricula. Educators must attend a workshop to receive curriculum materials; contact the regional coordinator for workshop information.

WATERFRONT PARK COALITION

www.nylcv.org

29 Broadway, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10006

(212) 361-6350x209

An alliance of civic and community groups that support revitalization of the New York City waterfront with public open space and restored ecological habitat. Published *The Blueprint*, an inventory of opportunities for waterfront open space and habitat protection in each borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK: CITYWIDE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

NOTE: Most City agencies can be reached through the City's information services hotline, 311.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

www.nyc.gov/dep

59-17 Junction Boulevard, Corona, NY 11368

311

Offers technical assistance materials for children and adults on water conservation and other environmental concerns. Call 311 with complaints or problems with pollution related to air, water, sewer, noise, sewage, and hazardous materials.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

www.nyc.gov/sanitation

125 Worth Street, New York NY 10013

311

Derelict Vehicle Office

www.nyc.gov/html/dos/html/abandon.html

Abandoned vehicles may be reported by calling the New York City Citizen Service Center at 311. Be prepared to give the location of the vehicle and its description including the make, type, and color. Abandoned vehicles with license plates may also be reported to your local police precinct; abandoned vehicles without license plates may also be reported by submitting a Derelict Vehicle Removal Request, available online.

New York City Compost Project

www.nyccompost.org

While no longer fully funded due to City budget cuts, the project's website is still live and offers training, resources, and other links on how to compost in New York City.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

www.nyc.gov/dot

40 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013

311

Responsible for maintaining the City's streets, sidewalks, and streetlights (including lights inside parks). The website provides online forms for submitting complaints and requests for repairs.

Adopt-A-Highway

Interested individuals or citizen's groups can adopt, maintain and beautify highway segments by applying to DOT. If the group volunteers to clean the road themselves, DOT provides vests, gloves, bags and signs.

INDEPENDENT BUDGET OFFICE

www.ibo.nyc.ny.us

110 William Street, 14th Floor New York, NY 10038

(212) 442-0632; Fax: (212) 442-0350

Provides non-partisan budgetary, economic and policy analysis for the residents of New York City and their elected officials; also increases New Yorkers' understanding of and participation in the budget process.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UNIT (CAU)

www.nyc.gov/html/cau/home.html

51 Chambers Street, Room 608. New York NY 10007

(212) 788-7418; Fax: (212) 788-7431

Through five borough coordinators, serves as liaison for citizen's groups to city agencies and the city's 59 community boards. Community boards resolve complaints about city services from residents and organizations. They also have applications for permits to close streets for block parties and street fairs, and they influence city decisions on many resource allocation issues.

MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER CENTER

www.nyc.gov/html/mvc/home.html

1 Centre Street, Suite 2358, New York, NY 10007

311

The Mayor's Volunteer Center bridges individuals, corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations in order to connect people with volunteer opportunities. The center serves as a referral center for individuals who are interested in volunteer opportunities, links groups with interested individuals, and posts volunteer opportunities on their website.

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY GARDENING PROGRAM

www.nyc.gov/html/nycha/home.html

250 Broadway, New York, New York 10007

(212) 306-3000; Fax: (212) 306-8888

Tenants at NYCHA residences can apply through their local management office for small grants to purchase seeds and plants. Site preparation assistance and instructional materials available. Other services include annual Tenants Gardening Competition in July, educational workshops, horticultural trips, monthly newsletter, annual conference, and free seeds & bulbs.