

# America the Beautiful Fund

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Operation Green Plant 2007

## FREE SEEDS!

America the Beautiful Fund is offering grants of FREE SEEDS! to nourish and beautify your community. As part of our mission to save and protect the natural and historic beauty of America, we are providing grants of FREE SEEDS! for local planting projects to inspire people this year to plant a garden in honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown Settlement "the seed of America". Since the earliest days of America, part of the democratic spirit on which this country was built took form in the sharing of gardening skills and plants. As the American Indians shared their plants with the Jamestown Settlers, so we now advocate plants as a means to create a beautiful America.

These are 2006 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. (It's available on CD-ROM as well as in paperback!) 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 than HALF OFF the cover price of \$2.25! 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 = <b>\$14.95</b>
Contact Name	___ Additional set(s) of 100 x \$5 each = _____
	Please specify amounts below:
Organization Name	Vegetable _____ Flower _____ Herb _____ (limit 25 herb packets per request)
Project Name	Membership Contribution = _____
Street Address for UPS delivery (No PO Boxes Please)	<b>Green Earth Guide</b> Paperback (\$10.00) CD- ROM (\$12.95) = _____
City State Zipcode	<b>Gardening for Optimal Nutrition</b> 10 for \$10 30 for \$25 = _____
Phone Number Fax Number E-Mail Address	<b>TOTAL</b> = _____

# 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