AAMG Grant Resources

Our AAMG program activities are basically self-supporting. We support our projects through grants, fundraising, donations, and training fees. The University of Maryland Extension Office provides us with our County Coordinator and administrative support such as accounting, meeting space, website maintenance, and copying. With justification and approval from the EAB, each project may generally receive about $200 from our AAMG funds. If a project requires more than this, a grant or another source of funding may be required.

In recent years, Unity Gardens has been the source for AAMG grants. In 2011, many other grant opportunities were identified. The new information is found in both Excel and Word format at the links “Master Gardener Grants” and “Master Gardener Grant Opportunities”. If you locate other grant sources, please contact MG’s J. Dial and/or M. Kauder for inclusion into the database.

Unity Gardens  [http://www.unitygardens.org/grants]
Grants from Unity Gardens have provided critical support for committee projects with high costs for materials. In 2010, the Apprentice Gardens, Annapolis Elementary Rain Garden, and Brooklyn Park Elementary Rain Garden received a total of about $2000 for plants and supplies. In 2009, Ask a Master Gardener, Composting, Woodland Gardens, and Beekeeping received a total of about $3, 500.

Additional Grant Opportunities

1. Chesapeake Bay Trust Grants  [http://www.cbtrust.org]
Click on “Volunteer & Grant opportunities calendar” Choose one of several grants, some of which are listed below.

1a. ”MINI GRANT” Supports awareness of activities and participation in restoration & protection of the Chesapeake Bay, & its’ tributary rivers & streams. Kacey Wetzel 410 974 2941 x 104.  kwetzel@cbtrust.org  Awards up to $5,000.
Check pages for proposal dates. Chesapeake Bay Trust receives money from other sources & distributes it via grants .CBT is the grant giving group. Several rolling grant dates. 410 Severn Ave.

1b. “OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT “ Funds promote awareness programs, workshops & outreach efforts that advance public knowledge of Chesapeake Bay restoration. Kacey Wetzel 410 974 2941 x104 kwetzel@cbtrust.org  Check pages for proposal dates.

1c. “RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM” Funds increase public awareness & involvement in restoration & protection of the bay. 410 974 2941 x 104. kwetzel@cbtrust.org

2. UNITY GARDENS  [http://www.unitygardens.org/grants]
Unity gardens provides grant money in 2 cycles, Spring &Fall. Midterm & final reports are part of the Unity process. Kim Eckert is the contact person. Awards up to $1700. Check pages for proposal dates.


3a. Rosch Jones award  up to $2000.  [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/met/rosch.asp]  The Margaret Rosch Jones Award of up to $2,000 is for non-profit groups or communities that show continuing
plans for a project that has already demonstrated a basic understanding and resolution of an environmental issue. Applications for the Margaret Rosch Jones Award must also meet one or both of the following criteria:

1) Groups that have been active in educating people in their community about at least one of these concerns: litter prevention, community beautification, and local or statewide environmental issue(s).

2) Groups that have been successful in eliminating or reducing the causes of a local environmental problem rather than addressing the symptoms. For up to date news:

3b. James Environmental Grant  up to $1000.  http://www.dnr.state.md.us/met/bill_james.asp  The Bill James Environmental Grants of up to $1,000 are for proposed environmental education projects by school groups, science and ecology clubs, and other non-profit youth groups. The objectives of the grants are:

1) To encourage a sense of stewardship and personal responsibility for the environment.

2) To stimulate a better understanding of environmental issues and to aid in the elimination or reduction of a local environmental problem. 3) To encourage education about growth management, protection of rural areas and sensitive resources, and discouragement of sprawling development patterns. Deadline is March 31st of each year.

3c. Project Learning Tree:  http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/kids/plt.html

An environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators working with students in pre-K through grade 12.

PLT uses the forest as a "window" into natural and built environments, helping people gain an awareness and knowledge of the world around them, as well as their place within it. PLT is a source of interdisciplinary instructional activities and provides workshops and in-service programs for teachers, foresters, park and nature center staff, and youth group leaders. email shaines@towson.edu

4. Open Spaces Sacred Places Award  http://www.naturesacred.org

The Open Spaces Sacred Places Awards Request for Proposals, invites national partnerships. Universities, hospitals, research centers and cultural institutions; professionals in the field of landscape design, urban planning, and health care; and neighborhood associations, community-based and other social benefit organizations are encouraged to form collaborative teams to envision, create, study and communicate what is learned about the impact of Open Spaces Sacred Places on people living in stressful urban environments. Currently there are 12 completed sites in the Annapolis area. Calendar of important dates: http://www.naturesacred.org/grants

5. Tree - Mendous Grant  http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/treemendous/

Grants provide trees for public lands. Native trees and shrubs are available at reasonable prices. If a few are needed some might be free. The trees may be planted in places such as community open spaces, school grounds, government facilities, and rights-of way.  Lindsay Major  410-260-8510 lmajor@dnr.state.md.us

6. Captain Planet Grant   http://captainplanetfoundation.org/

The mission is to support hands on environmental projects for students in grades k-12. Our objective is to encourage innovative activities empower children to work individually and collectively to work as environmental stewards. Captain Planet Foundation, 133 Luckie Street, 2nd Floor | Atlanta, GA 30303 404-522-4270.

7. GreenWorks ! Grant  www.greenworks.org
$1000.00 mini grants. Four page application on line. Funds are available in July & August. These will be attractive to MG’s whose Fall projects have received Spring time approval by the EAB, but who need more funding. This grant option stems from Project Learning Tree. Some connection to youth, students, or community based project is helpful.

Washington, D.C. Grants of vegetable seeds, flower seeds and/or herb seeds: Write a short letter describing your project, and enclose a check for shipping. Fill out the application located at:
[http://america-the-beautiful.org](http://america-the-beautiful.org) Click on the free seeds button on the left. You can request certain types of veggie or flower seeds, but no guarantee can be made. The warehouse is located 12 miles south of D.C. in Va. & those who volunteer can take home seed packs of their choosing!

9. MAEOE [http://www.maeoe.org](http://www.maeoe.org)  
The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), a nonprofit educational association, has served thousands of teachers (and students at all grade levels),  
[http://www.maeoe.org/greenschools/application/index.php](http://www.maeoe.org/greenschools/application/index.php) Useful for school faculty attempting to achieve Green School status, etc. Who and Where are the Maryland Green Schools?

HPS will award up to $500 to an individual, community group, school or organization in the mid-Atlantic region that is “doing something to make our world a little more horticulturally green.  
[http://hardyplant.org/Forms/grant%20application072811.pdf](http://hardyplant.org/Forms/grant%20application072811.pdf) Submitted projects could be a schoolyard butterfly garden, the removal of invasive plants in public areas, planting trees in parks, internship projects at arboreta or any greening effort in the field of horticulture or an educational scholarship. All viable ideas submitted will be reviewed and considered by the award committee members of the Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group. Brenda Smyth, HPS/MAG Treasurer 1109 Red Oak Dr. Garnet Valley, PA 19060

To apply for funds, login, the site will give you a password. Grant application has 10 questions. This association gives grants in all states, & has funded several Master Gardener grants in the past. Request must be connected to youth gardening in some way. Visit their link called “gardening with kids” on top right of the home page.

$2000.00 maximum award. The Society especially encourages teachers and students at all levels to apply. The project must concern Maryland native bryophytes, vascular plants, and/or the habitats of Maryland native plants. The project may concern the effects of invasive non-native plants on Maryland native plants. A committee comprising local educators and scientists will review applications and administer the awards.

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