CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY

RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

GENERAL RESOURCES

Grants & Funding Opportunities:

Grants for Community Improvement Projects- www.citizensnyc.org/programs/grants.html
Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants for community improvement projects that bring neighbors together. Grants of $500 to $3,000 are offered to volunteer-led community groups in economically under-resourced neighborhoods.

Grants for Arts Organizations- www.nysca.org/public/home.cfm
Council on the Arts provides grant money for organizations in every arts discipline. The grants are distributed by each borough council.

Bronx Council on the Arts: www.bronxarts.org/Grants.asp
Brooklyn Arts Council: www.brooklynartscouncil.org/documents/29
Lower Manhattan Cultural Council: www.lmcc.net/grants
Queens Council on the Arts: www.queenscouncilarts.org/
Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island: www.statenislandarts.org/all-grants.html

Sports Equipment Grants- www.goodsports.org/
Good Sports provides sports equipment, apparel and footwear to youth organizations. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and it is recommended that organizations apply at least eight weeks prior to the start of their season/program.

Fund Your Neighborhood Environmental Project- www.ioby.org/
ioby is a crowdfunding platform that connects donors and volunteers to environmental projects in their neighborhoods.

Workshops & Trainings:

Skills-Building Workshops- www.citizensnyc.org/programs/nli.html
Citizens Committee for New York City offers free skills-building workshops to support your community building ideas and initiatives.

Grant Writing Workshops- www.grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/New-York
The Foundation Center offers free classes for groups interested in improving their grant-writing skills.

Tenants' Rights Workshops- www.tenantsandneighbors.org/workshops.html
Tenants & Neighbors offers free on-site workshops on tenants' rights and tenant organizing.

City Services:

Community Boards- www.nyc.gov/html/cau/html/cb/cb.shtml
Community Boards play an important role in improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. Contact your community board to learn more about how you can play an active role in shaping your neighborhood.

Street Permits for Events- www.nyc.gov/html/cecm/html/office/office.shtml
The Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) issues permits for street fairs, festivals, block parties, green markets, commercial/promotional and other events on the City's streets and sidewalks.

NYCWasteMatch- www.wastematch.org/
NYCWasteMatch facilitates the exchange of used and surplus goods and equipment from organizations that no longer need them to other entities that do.

Rodent Taskforce- www.nyc.gov/rats
The Mayor's Rodent Task Force, part of the Community Affairs Unit, was designed to address residential and commercial rodent problems.

URBAN AGRICULTURE RESOURCES

Grants & Funding Opportunities:

Grants for Community Groups Working in Parks- www.partnershipforparks.org/get_involved/strengthen_community_group/apply_grant/index.html
Partnerships for Parks' Capacity Fund makes grants of $250-$5,000 to community groups working in New York City parks. Deadline: February 1, June 1, October 1.

Funding for School Environmental Projects- www.plt.org/applyforagrant
Project Learning Tree's GreenWorks! programs offers grants up to $1,000 to student groups working on environmental neighborhood improvement projects.

Workshops & Trainings:

Urban Agriculture & Chicken Care- www.bkfarmyards.blogspot.com/p/chickens-eggs.html
bk farmyards offers a variety of educational internships, apprenticeships, workshops, field trips and farm tours focusing on urban agriculture and city chicken keeping.

Gardener-Led Workshops and Skills Sharing in the Bronx- www.nybg.org/green_up/
Bronx Green-Up, the community outreach program of The New York Botanical Garden, provides horticultural advice, technical assistance, and training to community gardeners, school groups, and other organizations.

Urban Gardening Workshop Series- www.bbg.org/greenbridge/bug/
Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Brooklyn Urban Gardener (BUG) certificate program is an eight-week course of interconnected workshops that cover the basics in urban gardening and community greening.

Healthy Eating Workshops- www.nyc.cce.cornell.edu/NutritionAndHealth/Pages/default.aspx
The Cornell Cooperative Extension offers free health and nutrition workshops that help individuals to make healthy choices about what they eat.

Urban Agriculture Programs- www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc
Farm School NYC offers comprehensive training in all aspects of urban agriculture through a two-year certificate program and a wide range of individual courses.

Gardener-Led Workshops and Skills Sharing in Brooklyn- www.bbg.org/greenbridge/cga/
GreenBridge Community Garden Alliance (GCGA) focuses on promoting sustainable gardening practices to support healthy communities of people, plants, and wildlife. GCGA facilitates skill sharing through gardener-led workshops and seasonal gatherings.

Workshops for Gardeners- www.justfood.org/city-farms/community-workshop-series
Just Food's City Farm program offers free workshops led by and for community gardeners and farmers. They also hold community-run farmers markets across the five boroughs.

Composting Workshops- www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/compost/compostproj_wrkshps.shtml
The NYC Compost Project offers workshops on composting throughout the year for a nominal fee.

Parks-Based Fellowship- www.itsmypark.org/get_involved/strengthen_community_group/partnerships_academy/index.html
Partnership for Parks' Academy is a free fellowship program that supports community-based parks groups and volunteers.

General Services:

596 Acres- www.596acres.org/
596 Acres is a public education project aimed at helping residents reclaim vacant lots to transform them into community spaces.

Free Seeds for Community Groups- www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/index.php
America the Beautiful Fund collects surplus seeds from major corporations and redistributes them in seed packets to community planting projects around the country.

Free Lumber for Gardens- www.bignyc.org/bigblooms
BIG!Blooms, a Build It Green!NYC program, provides donated used scaffolding to community and school gardens.

Food Advocacy in Brooklyn- www.brooklynfoodcoalition.ning.com/
The Brooklyn Food Coalition is a grassroots organization dedicated to the vision of a just and sustainable food system in Brooklyn through community organizing, public education, and research and advocacy.

Gardening Information- www.gardening.cornell.edu/
Cornell Garden Based Learning provides basic information on gardening.

Nutrient Analysis- www.cnal.cals.cornell.edu/
Cornell Nutrient Analysis Laboratory tests soil and provides pH kits, plant and water testing.

Track Your Harvest- www.farmingconcrete.org/
Farming Concrete is an open, community-based research project that measures how much food is grown in New York City's community gardens. They will supply the equipment, training, and support to track the harvest for your community garden.

Community Organizing for Community Gardeners- www.greenguerillas.org/
Green Guerillas uses a mix of education, organizing, and advocacy to help people cultivate community gardens, sustain grassroots groups, engage youth, and address issues critical to the future of their gardens. In addition, they organize seed giveaways on a year-round basis.

Support for Community Gardens- www.greenthumbnyc.org/
GreenThumb provides programming and material support to over 500 community gardens in New York City. Registered gardens are eligible for technical assistance, workshops, and gardening and maintenance supplies.

Garden Tools Loan Library- www.grownyc.org/openspace/growtruck
GrowNYC's Grow Truck traverses all five boroughs to deliver garden tools, plants, soil, and horticultural advice to community gardeners, schools, and neighborhood block associations.

Environmental Education- www.lesecologycenter.org/
The Lower East Side Ecology Center offers free public compost collection and education, electronic waste recycling, stewardship of public open space, and environmental education.

Tree-Related Community Services- www.treesny.org/
TreesNY plants, preserves and protects New York City's urban forest through education, active citizen participation and advocacy.

City Services:

MillionTreesNYC- www.milliontreesnyc.org/html/home/home.shtml
MillionTreesNYC is a citywide, public-private program that aims to plant and care for 1 million new trees across the city over the next decade.

NYCHA Gardens- www.nyc.gov/html/nycha/html/community/garden.shtml
NYCHA's Garden & Greening Program provides free seeds, bulbs, compost, technical assistance and more to registered NYCHA gardens. Gardens must submit an application to the management office every year to qualify.

Forestry Services- www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry
The Parks Department Forestry Services of each borough provides a variety of tree and sidewalk-related services to NYC.

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Grants & Funding Opportunities:

Grants for Educational Projects in Schools- www.captainplanetfoundation.org/
The Captain Planet Foundation supports hands-on environmental projects for schools. The objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower youth to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their communities.

Seed Money for Youth Projects- www.dosomething.org/grants/seedgrants
Do Something Seed Grants awards $500 every week to youth working on projects that bring people together.

Sports Equipment Grants- www.goodsports.org/
Good Sports provides sports equipment, apparel and footwear to youth organizations. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and it is recommended that organizations apply at least eight weeks prior to the start of their season/program.

Grants for School Gardens- www.growtolearn.org/view/mini_grant
Grow to Learn NYC provides grants from $500 to $2,000 to fund start-up and existing school gardens. Registered schools are also eligible to receive materials and expert assistance from GreenThumb.

Funding for School Projects- www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html
Lowe's Toolbox for Education awards grants of $2,000-$5,000 to school groups, particularly for landscaping, gardening or physical improvement projects.

Grants for Young Gardeners- www.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-awards
The National Gardening Association offers a variety of grant awards for school gardening groups.

Funding for School Environmental Projects- www.plt.org/applyforagrant
Project Learning Tree's GreenWorks! programs offers grants up to $1,000 to student groups working on environmental neighborhood improvement projects.

Art Grants for Schools- http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819
Target's Arts + Culture in Schools Grants helps to bring arts into the classroom.

City Services:

Golden Apple Awards for Schools- www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/recycling/schools_goldenapple.shtml
Golden Apple Awards for Schools awards schools that demonstrate model school recycling programs and are in compliance with NYC recycling regulations.

Support for School Gardens- www.growtolearn.org/
Grow to Learn NYC supports public school gardens. Register your garden to be eligible to receive grants, donated materials and resources, and expert assistance.

Materials for the Arts- www.mfta.org/aboutus.html
Materials for the Arts provides thousands of arts and cultural organizations, public schools, and community arts programs with free art supplies.

NYCWasteLess- www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/stuff/infofor_schools.shtml
NYCWasteLess provides information on what and how to recycle in NYC schools.