



Help us plant the “Seeds that Grow Hope”

Since 1980 America the Beautiful Fund's Operation Green Plant program has collected more than **\$100 Million** worth of surplus seeds, bulbs and garden gloves from major American companies. These valuable materials that would have otherwise gone to waste in landfills have been granted to community planting projects across the country to support a variety of good works accomplished through civic gardening. Across America, volunteers are fighting hunger & malnutrition, stoking environmental stewardship and taking on litter & blight:

“As a local agency of California WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program), we have received and distributed seeds from your organization in recent years. We know that children eat more fruits and vegetables and are more willing to try new varieties when they have the opportunity to see them come from seed. By sending Trinity County WIC 500 vegetable seed packets, America the Beautiful will help our program succeed in increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables to our low-income families. We would once again like to participate in your program and we also want to express our appreciation for the work that you do-to share with those in need, what might otherwise go to waste.”

-Trinity County Health and Human Services, Weaverville, CA

“I am an organizer and volunteer for an urban garden renewal project in the city of Chicago. Seed packets were obtained from America the Beautiful Fund for my project last year and the results were spectacular. Some 27 planting beds along a 4-block stretch of a very busy and dirty street were cleaned of trash by 20 resident volunteers. Some of the flowerbeds were so beautiful later last summer that they were included on a neighborhood garden walk. This would not have happened without the seeds provided by America the Beautiful Fund.”

-Edgewater Beautiful, Chicago, IL

“We are a small group of women in North Idaho. We organized a year ago to help our community. Many people here are in financial straits. Mining, logging and lumber, which are our principal economic activities, have been severely curtailed in the past few years. Since ours is a rural area, there are places for gardens. Because the need for food is so acute, we are asking for vegetable and herb seeds primarily, but would also like a few flower seed packets to lift peoples spirits.”

-Careywood Community Garden, Careywood, ID

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Seeds that Grow Hope 2011

FREE SEEDS!

America the Beautiful Fund is offering grants of FREE SEEDS! to community groups striving to better our world through gardening. Grow fresh nutritious food for the hungry. Teach children about the wonders of nature in a habitat garden. Beautify parks, roadways and neighborhoods. Plant the Seeds that Grow Hope and promote healthy living, environmental stewardship and community pride! There are a thousand ways to improve your community's quality of life through gardening!

These are 2010 seeds with germination rates of 92-95%. Grants of 100 to 6,000 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. 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 that HALF OFF the cover price of \$2.25! Now you can really dig in! With an annual Membership contribution you will also have access to technical assistance via our toll free member hotline and announcements of special events and grants.

To receive a grant of the Seeds that Grow Hope:

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>
Contact Name	First set of 100 packets = \$14.95
Organization Name	___ Additional set(s) of 100 x \$5 each = _____
Project Name	Please specify amounts below:
Street Address for UPS delivery (No PO Boxes Please)	Vegetable _____ Flower _____ Herb _____ (limit 100 Herb packets per 1,000 packets)
City State Zipcode	Membership Contribution = _____ Your gift will enable us to ship seeds to needy projects across the country!
Phone Number Fax Number E-Mail Address	Green Earth Guide CD- ROM (\$12.95) = _____
	Gardening for Optimal Nutrition 10 for \$10 30 for \$25 = _____ 250 for \$125
	TOTAL = _____