



SPROUTS “NOMINATE A SCHOOL FOR A NEW LEARNING GARDEN OR GARDEN REFRESH” GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW & NOMINATION PROCESS

The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that is helping kids grow healthy through nutrition education and hands-on gardening programs that bring learning to life. In partnership with nonprofit organizations, from elementary school gardens to youth cooking programs, we're teaching children how to grow and prepare fresh, nutritious foods, and empowering them with the tools they need to develop healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.

OVERVIEW

This Earth Month, the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation is inviting people to nominate a neighborhood school to receive a new learning garden! With your help, the Foundation will select 24 schools in 24 cities from across the country to receive a new learning garden or a garden refresh. The timeline and details about this special grant program are included below!

TIMELINE

- 3/28 to 4/26 – Nomination Form is Open
- 5/1 to 6/7 – Submitted Nominations Reviewed
- 6/7 to 6/30 – Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation Interviews School Finalists
- 6/30 to 7/10 – School Finalists Submit Garden Grant Application
- 7/18 – Grantees are Selected & Notified

WHAT DOES THE GARDEN GIVEAWAY INCLUDE?

The garden giveaway will include a \$15,000 grant awarded directly to the selected school to build a new learning garden or refresh an existing garden space on campus, plus a \$5,000 program grant to support nutrition education lessons in the garden.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- The nomination will be open from March 28, 2023 to April 26, 2023.
- People are invited to nominate schools with a short essay about why their school is a good candidate for a learning garden by completing the nomination form.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation's internal Grant Review Committee, and school finalists will be notified by June 7, 2023.
- To confirm qualification and garden program readiness, school finalists will complete an interview with the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation and will be required to submit a grant application.
- If a school finalist does not meet the readiness criteria, the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation Grant Review Committee will make the decision to select a runner-up in its place.
- The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation will partner with each school site to coordinate a volunteer workday for the garden build or garden refresh on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Only schools are eligible to receive this garden grant. All other organizations will not be considered.
- Schools must be a charter or public school including tribally controlled and Bureau of Indian Education schools, non-profit private school, a non-profit organization, or tribal entity that serves children in the K-12 age range, or a government entity.
- The school must be located in one of the states in which Sprouts operates stores. (AL, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, KS, LA, MA, MI, NV, NJ, NM, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA)
- Awarded schools must be available to host a volunteer workday on Saturday, September 16, 2023.