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The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of $8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas. The AAD also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure that promotes the importance of sun safety. The AAD receives support for this program from Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company. [http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html](http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html)

American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a bi-national nonprofit membership organization of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities."

Anheuser-Busch and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation has established a legacy of giving back. By supporting and partnering with organizations around the globe, we continue to create new friendships. Over the past decade, our company and charitable foundation have contributed more than $370 million to nonprofit organizations working to improve our communities and enhancing the enjoyment of life for millions of people. Areas of funding interest include Education, Health & Human Services, and Cultural Enrichment.

Baseball Tomorrow Fund funded by Major League Baseball, mission is to promote and enhance the growth of baseball in the United States by funding programs, fields, and equipment purchases to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game. Grants from the Fund are intended to be sufficiently flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their communities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs.

Bikes Belong is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. The grant program is a national discretionary program with a small budget, to help communities build TEA-21-funded projects. They like to fund high-profile projects and like regional coalitions. An application must be supported by the local bicycle dealers (letters of support should be attached). Bikes Belong also offers advice and information on how to get more people on bikes. Government and non-profit agencies are eligible and no match is required. The maximum amount for a grant proposal is $10,000. Applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed as they are received.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Although the Ben & Jerry's Foundation doesn't prioritize any particular issue area for funding, we do focus on the types of activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social change in any number of areas. The Foundation will only consider proposals from grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are organizing for systemic social change. We support programs and projects that are examples of creative problem-solving.

Best Buy Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants are designed to help provide more environmentally responsible electronic recycling opportunities for consumers across the country. [http://www.e4partners.com/grant_info.htm](http://www.e4partners.com/grant_info.htm)

Boeing Company The Boeing Company is committed to improving the quality of life in the communities in which it operates. Funding interests include education, health and human services, culture and the arts, and civic and environmental issues.

Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund focuses on organizations with missions supporting: 1) education, 2) environment and conservation, 3) children’s programs. Including national and local charities, the Trust Fund has donated more than $20 Million in the past 5 years.

Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation is a 501c(3) organizations committed to improving communities and impacting lives through unique philanthropic programs that help children and families, animals and the environment.
Cedar Tree Foundation makes grants in the following areas of concern: Environmental Education, Environmental Health, and Sustainable Agriculture. We give particular consideration to proposals demonstrating strong elements of environmental justice and/or conservation within the program areas listed above. The Cedar Tree Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. We welcome letters of inquiry as described on our web site.

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) will fund projects that (1) enhance or restore degraded waters, (2) protect unpolluted waters, and/or (3) contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits. www.cwmtf.net

Coca Cola Foundation recognizes that we cannot have a healthy and growing business unless the communities we serve are healthy and sustainable. We are committed to improving the quality of life in the communities where we do business and have realigned our community investment priorities to be reflective of and responsive to the global and local nature of our business. Our renewed strategy focuses on global pillars where we can make a unique and sustainable difference: water stewardship, healthy active lifestyles, community recycling, and education.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers financial grants to communities for neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improvements to community facilities and services, especially in low and moderate-income areas. Several communities have used HUD funds to develop greenways, including the Boscobel Heights' "Safe Walk" Greenway in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Conservation Fund creates partnerships to save America's outdoor heritage. The section on their website called 'award programs’ will link you to funding opportunities for various initiatives including greenways, etc. www.conservationfund.org

CVS vision is to help people live longer, healthier, and happier lives. An integral part of this is our investment in the communities we serve. The primary focus of our programs is health and education — two natural extensions of our company’s goals.

CVS/Pharmacy Charitable Trust was established with a goal of positively impacting the culturally diverse populations in the communities where CVS stores are located. Areas of funding interest include Education, Health, Community, and Disability.

DSIRE provides a comprehensive source of information on state, local, utility, and federal incentives and policies that promote renewable energy and energy efficiencies. www.dsireusa.org

Dominion Foundation contributions are primarily awarded to qualified 501c(3) organizations in the following categories: Environment, Education, Culture and the Arts, Civic and Community Development Health and Human Services. Because the Dominion Foundation supports a wide range of charitable programs, most grants are in the $1,000 to $15,000 range. Higher amounts may be awarded when a program is an exceptional fit with corporate business- or giving priorities, or when there is significant employee involvement in the effort.

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation wishes to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties.

Ducks Unlimited is a world leader in wetlands & waterfowl conservation. www.ducks.org

DuPont Contributions Program contributes to numerous efforts that meet the needs of various groups and global communities where the company operates. Areas of support include: Educational programs; Culture & the arts; Environmental initiatives; Human & health service organizations; and Civic & community activities.
Economic Development Grants for Public Works and Development of Facilities, a partner project between The U. S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration (EDA), provide grants to states, counties and cities designated as redevelopment areas by EDA for public works projects that can include developing trails and greenway facilities. There is a 30% local match required, except in severely distressed areas where federal contribution can reach 80%. [www.federalgrantswire.com/grants-for-public-works-and-economic-development-facilities.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/grants-for-public-works-and-economic-development-facilities.html)

The Foundation Center fosters public understanding of the foundation field by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects. Our audiences include grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)

Gardenburger Community Garden Grants "Community gardening can range from creating a small school garden to adopting an abandoned plot of land and turning it into something useful and beautiful. Neighborhood associations, schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, and clubs – as long as your activities are garden-related, you're encouraged to apply." Consider partnering with a non-profit to become eligible for this grant.

Golden Leaf Foundation was established by the State of North Carolina in 1999 for the purposes of receipt and distribution of a portion of the funds North Carolina receives as a result of the settlement of North Carolina v. Philip Morris Incorporated, et al. [www.goldenleaf.org](http://www.goldenleaf.org)

Heritage Preservation Services helps our nation's citizens and communities identify, evaluate, protect and preserve historic properties for future generations of Americans. The National Park Service has provided funding for a variety of grant programs aimed at protecting our Nation's most significant historic and cultural sites and our diverse cultural heritage. Located in Washington, D.C. within the National Center for Cultural Resources, the Division provides a broad range of products and services, financial assistance and incentives, educational guidance, and technical information in support of this mission. Its diverse partners include State Historic Preservation Offices, local governments, tribes, federal agencies, colleges, and non-profit organizations. [www.cr.nps.gov/hps](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps)

Home Depot Foundation invests in nonprofit organizations that are in the business of building strong, healthy communities. NeighborWoods is made possible by a generous contribution from The Home Depot Foundation. [www.homedepotfoundation.org](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org)

Institute of Museum and Library Sciences provide various grants for museums and library sciences and partnering organizations including professional services program. [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov)

The Kodak American Greenways Program, a partner project of Kodak, The Conservation Funds and National Geographic Society provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. [www.conservationfund.org/node/24](http://www.conservationfund.org/node/24)

Land & Water Conservation Fund provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States. [www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf/](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf/)

Leave No Trace (LNT) offers a variety of grant and scholarship opportunities for individuals and organizations.

Lindbergh Foundation grants are made in numerous areas of special interest to Charles and Anne Lindbergh, including aviation/aerospace, agriculture, arts and humanities, biomedical research and adaptive technology, conservation of natural resources, education, exploration, health and population sciences, intercultural
communication, oceanography, waste disposal management, water resource management, and wildlife preservation.

**MetLife Foundation** was established in 1976 by MetLife for the purpose of supporting educational, health and civic and cultural organizations. Our goals are to strengthen communities, promote good health and improve education.

**Muddy Sneakers** promotes the joy of learning outside and works to merge active outdoor experimental learning with traditional studies in public schools in Western North Carolina. [www.muddysneakers.org](http://www.muddysneakers.org)

**National Endowment for the Arts** is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)

**National Endowment for the Humanities** is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, and public programs in the humanities. [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

**National Environmental Education Foundation** (NEEF) partners with professionals in health, education, media, business and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment with resources and grant information.

**National Gardening Association** (NGA) founded in 1973, is a nonprofit leader in plant-based education, serving a national audience with timely materials designed to foster an appreciation for the benefits of gardening.

**Natural Heritage Trust Fund** is a supplemental funding source for state agencies to acquire and protect important natural areas, preserve the state's ecological diversity and cultural heritage, and to inventory natural heritage resources of the state. [www.ncnhp.org](http://www.ncnhp.org)

**National Recreational Trails Program** is available to government and non-profit agencies, for amounts ranging from $5,000 to $50,000, for the building of a trail or piece of a trail. It is a reimbursement grant program (sponsor must fund 100% of the project up front) and requires a 20% local match. This is an annual program, with an application deadline at the end of January. The available funds are split such that 30% goes towards motorized trails, 30% to non-motorized trails, and 40% is discretionary for trail construction. [www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/](http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/)

**National Small Business Tree-Planting Program** provides small grants of up to $10,000 to purchase trees for planting along streets and within parks or greenways. Grants are used to develop contracts with local businesses for the plantings. [http://actrees.org/site/index.php](http://actrees.org/site/index.php)

**National Trust for Historic Preservation** provides matching funds to assist non-profits, communities or local governments in obtaining the expertise needed to plan for conservation, rehabilitation and ongoing care related to Save America’s Treasures official projects. [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

**North Carolina Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund** established to preserve the farming, forestry and horticulture industry in NC. [www.ncadfp.org/grantsinfo.htm](http://www.ncadfp.org/grantsinfo.htm)

**NC AgriTourism Office** Agritourism can be an exciting new enterprise for you. Hay rides, barnyard animals, corn mazes, pick-your-own fruits and vegetables, bird watching, farm roadside stands, fishing, hunting, camping, pumpkin patches, value-added products, flowers – let your imagination take you to your own field of dreams. [www.agr.state.nc.us/agritourism/index.htm](http://www.agr.state.nc.us/agritourism/index.htm)
NC Arts Council provides various grants for artistic related fields. They provide technical support and expertise to support the arts and make the arts available to all North Carolinians. [www.ncarts.org](http://www.ncarts.org)

NC Center for Non-Profits is a private, 501c(3) nonprofit organization that serves as a statewide network for nonprofit board and staff members, an information center on effective organizational practices, and an advocate for the nonprofit sector as a whole. They offer services directly to all sizes and types of 501c(3) nonprofits and we work closely with other local, state and national groups that assist nonprofits. [www.ncnonprofits.org](http://www.ncnonprofits.org)

NC Community Colleges offers a wide variety of assistance to communities throughout its 58 institutions. Good resource for learning how to start a small business, technology etc. [www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/](http://www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/)

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services provides access to the resources and expertise of NC State University and NC A&T State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, staff delivers unbiased, research-based information to citizens. [www.ces.ncsu.edu](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu)

NC Department of Commerce has established a comprehensive funding strategy to help local leaders improve communities through community and economic development. [www.nccommerce.com](http://www.nccommerce.com)

NC Department of Transportation oversees programs that enhance safety, protect the environment, and improve North Carolina's overall quality of life. [www.ncdot.org/programs](http://www.ncdot.org/programs)

NC Division of Coastal Management oversees the protection, conservation and management of the NC coastline. Administered by the CAMA land use grants. [http://dcm2.enr.state.nc.us/](http://dcm2.enr.state.nc.us/)

North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance The underlying goal is to foster an “Ethic of Environmental Stewardship” within businesses, industries, governments and the citizens of North Carolina. [http://p2pays.org/compost/index.asp](http://p2pays.org/compost/index.asp)

North Carolina DOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation created an annual matching grant program to encourage municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans.

North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance

North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund is funded by the Master Tobacco Settlement program. Funding priorities are programs that address research, access, prevention and education to improve the health and well-being of all North Carolinians. [www.hwtfc.org](http://www.hwtfc.org)

North Carolina Office of Environmental Education provides a wealth of information on environmental education, certification, grants, contests, workshop offerings and research.

North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants up to $500,000 to local governments for park and recreation purposes. [partf.net](http://partf.net)

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. is dedicated to the development of innovative strategies to improve the lives of rural North Carolinians, with a special focus on economic opportunities for citizens with low to moderate incomes. [www.ncruralcenter.org](http://www.ncruralcenter.org)

North Carolina State Energy Office is the lead agency for energy programs and services that is the official source for energy information and assistance for the consumer, government agencies, non-profit organizations, schools and policy makers. [www.energync.net](http://www.energync.net)

North Carolina Trails Program
[www.ncparks.gov/About/grant/trails_grant.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grant/trails_grant.php)

The Adopt-A-Trail Grant awards funds totaling $135,000 annually to government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private trail groups for such projects as trail building, trail signage and facilities, trail
maintenance, and trail information brochures and maps. You may obtain an application for the Adopt-A-Trail grant by contacting your Regional Trails Specialist or the State Trails Program at 919 846-9991.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a $1.1 million trail grant program funded by Congress with money from the federal gas taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles. Its intent is to meet the trail and trail-related recreational needs identified by the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The grant applicants must be able contribute 20% of the project cost with cash or in-kind contributions. You may obtain an application for the Recreational Trails Program grant by contacting your Regional Trails Specialist or the State Trails Program at 919 846-9991.


One North Carolina Naturally provides the science and incentives for natural resource planning and conservation assistance and informs and supports conservation actions of North Carolina. [www.onencnaturally.org](http://www.onencnaturally.org)

REI Environmental Grants (Recreational Equipment Incorporated) awards grants to nonprofit organizations interested in protecting and enhancing natural resources for outdoor recreation. The company calls on its employees to nominate organizations for these grants, ranging from $500 to $8,000, which can be used for the following:

- Protect lands and waterways and make these resources accessible to more people
- Better utilize or preserve natural resources for recreation
- Increase access to outdoor activities
- Encourage involvement in muscle-powered recreation
- Promote safe participation in outdoor muscle-powered recreation, and proper care for outdoor resources

Responsible Sports™ Community Grants. Sports are about so much more than winning. And sustaining youth sports programs takes more than just your valuable time and effort. That's why Liberty Mutual created the Responsible Sports Community Grants. The program helps provide precious financial resources – $2,500 grants – in recognition of local dedication to responsibility in communities across the country.

Tony Hawk Foundation seeks to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on helping children. Through grants and other charitable donations, the foundation supports programs focusing on the creation of public skateboard parks, and other causes. The foundation favors programs that clearly demonstrate that funds received will produce tangible, ongoing, positive results.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) is the primary source of federal funding for greenways through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). There are many sections of the Act that support the development of bicycle and pedestrian transportation corridors. Those sections that apply to the creation of greenway systems include: [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/)

Section 1302 - Symms National Recreational Trails Fund Act (NRTFA) is a funding source to assist with the development of non-motorized and motorized trails. In fiscal year 1994, Congress did not fund this national program, and it has become apparent that this funding source is not as stable as the national trail community once envisioned it. In 1993, Congress appropriated only $7.5 million of a $30 million apportionment. The Act uses funds paid into the Highway Trust Fund from fees on non-highway recreation fuel used by off-road vehicles and camping equipment.
Motorized and non-motorized trail projects receive a 30% share of annual appropriations. 40% of the appropriation must be spent on projects that accommodate both user groups. States can grant funds to private and public sector organizations. NRTFA projects are 100% federally funded during the first three years of the program. Grant recipients must provide a 20% match.

**Section 1047 - National Scenic Byways Program** is designed to protect and enhance America's designated scenic roads. Money is available for planning, safety and facility improvements, cultural and historic resource protection, and tourism information signage. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities can be developed in conjunction with scenic roadway projects. Some states with Scenic Byway Programs have developed greenways in conjunction with this initiative.

**Section 1008 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program** was created to reduce congestion on local streets and improve air quality. Funds are available to urban communities designated as "non-attainment" areas for air quality, meaning the air is more polluted than federal standards allow. The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. A grant recipient must demonstrate that its project will improve air quality throughout the community. Funding requires a 20% local match.

The Trust for Public Land helps conserve land for recreation and spiritual nourishment and to improve the health and quality of life of American communities. [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

US Department of Energy works to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental quality and economic vitality in public-private partnership. [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides resources and funding opportunities.

**United States Soccer Foundation** Since 1995, over $23 million dollars in cash, equipment, and services have been awarded through the annual grants program to more than 430 grantees in all 50 states touching the entire spectrum of soccer communities from the small rural club to the U.S. Soccer Federation, the National Governing Body for the sport in the United States. The Foundation's impact on soccer through its annual Program and Field grant awards has been significant…and continues to grow.

**Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program** provides small grants of up to $10,000 to communities for the purchase of trees to plant along city streets and for greenways and parks. To qualify for this program, a community must pledge to develop a street-tree inventory, a municipal tree ordinance, a tree commission, committee or department, and an urban forestry-management plan. [http://www.docstoc.com/docs/4362129/REQUEST-FOR-PROPOSALS-Urban-and-Community-Forestry-Grant-Program](http://www.docstoc.com/docs/4362129/REQUEST-FOR-PROPOSALS-Urban-and-Community-Forestry-Grant-Program)

**Wal-Mart Foundation** strives to provide opportunities that improve the lives of individuals in our communities including our customers and associates. Through financial contributions, in-kind donations and volunteerism, the Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our four main focus areas: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Environmental Sustainability, Health and Wellness. The Foundation has a particular interest in supporting the following populations: veterans and military families, traditionally underserved groups, individuals with disabilities and people impacted by natural disasters.

**Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation** is the largest general purpose foundation in the country with two trusts with approximately $444 million in assets. It has a legal mandate to make grants only within the geographic boundaries of NC. Makes grants only to non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organizations and institutions. [www.zsr.org](http://www.zsr.org)
**3M Community Giving** Areas of funding interest include K-12 Education, Higher Education, Health & Human Services, Arts & Culture, Environment and Volunteerism.