

# Fundraising

## Finding Grants and Awards

There are many grant opportunities available for young changemakers. Below are some resources to get you started as you look for the right fit for your Venture.

### Grants for Youth

**Ann M. Martin Foundation:** <http://www.scholastic.com/annmartin/foundation.htm>

The Ann M. Martin Foundation supports organizations working on homelessness, education, literacy, children and animals. 501(c)(3) status is required to apply for a grant worth up to \$20,000.

**Youth Action Net:** [http://youthactionnet.org/yan\\_awards/index.cfm](http://youthactionnet.org/yan_awards/index.cfm)

\$500 Youth Action Net awards are available to young people age 18-29 who have a leadership role in a youth-led initiative that works to create positive change in their community.

**Third Wave Foundation:** [www.thirdwavefoundation.org](http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org)

Third Wave Foundation, led by women and transgender young people age 15-30, supports work that exists to challenge sexism, racism, homophobia, economic injustice, and other forms of oppression.

**Ellen Dougherty Activist Fund:** [www.openmeadows.org/special.htm](http://www.openmeadows.org/special.htm)

The Ellen Dougherty Activist Fund provides grants of up to \$2,000 to women 19 and under who propose to develop and lead projects focused on activism and social change.

**Captain Planet Foundation:** <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

The Captain Planet Foundation offers grants up to \$2,500 are awarded to 501(c)(3) organizations for hands-on projects which raise awareness of environmental issues and involve youth.

**Hometown Helper:** [www.myhometownhelper.com](http://www.myhometownhelper.com)

General Mills and Hamburger Helper Award up to \$15,000 to 501(c)(3) organizations for projects benefiting the community.

**Mix It Up Grants:** [www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp)

The Southern Poverty Law Center offers \$500 Mix It Up Grants to fund sustainable, youth-led projects that knock down community barriers.

**Pay It Forward:** <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

The Pay It Forward Foundation offer \$500 grants for one-time-only service projects that encourage others to "Pay It Forward."

**Plum Grants:** [www.dosomething.org/grants](http://www.dosomething.org/grants)

Do Something offers \$500 grants to further the growth of sustainable projects, programs or organizations.

### More YV Tip Sheets

Check out these additional YV Tip Sheets:

- [Writing a Grant](#)
- [Fundraising Basics](#)
- [Making the Most of Your Money](#)

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