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2011 School Garden Grant Project  
**HELPING GARDENS GROW**  
**APPLY NOW!**

**WHO?**

Whole Kids Foundation, a member of the Whole Foods Market charitable family and FoodCorps, a national service organization, are dedicated to reversing the trend in childhood obesity by engaging children in physical and academic school garden activities. The two organizations have partnered to offer a unique grant opportunity.

**WHAT?**

- \* \$2000 grant offer to schools, districts or school-affiliated nonprofit organizations.
- \* Yearlong support and mentoring from FoodCorps service members.
- \* Access to a resource center providing curriculum, coaching, materials and ideas.
- \* Participation in gardening discussions and forums with expert assistance.

**WHEN?**

- \* Apply from August 17 - December 31, 2011
- \* First grants awarded February 2011

**HOW?**

- \* Download and preview the application at [www.wholekidsfoundation.org](http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org)
- \* Create an account and fill out the online application.
- \* Application process requires consideration of the key issues involved in school garden projects, evidence of support from school officials and volunteers and proof of eligibility.

**WHY SCHOOL GARDENS?**

A schoolyard garden positively addresses six of the eight contributing factors to obesity identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Gardening helps children learn about making better food choices, encourage physical activity, reduce sedentary behavior, and lead to healthier environments at home, at school, and in the community. At the same time, gardens provide a positive reason for school communities to come together, with parents, teachers, administrators, volunteers and children working together to green our communities.

**WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?**

[www.wholekidsfoundation.org](http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org)