



What can the money be used for?

- How long do we have to spend the money?
 - Although Grow to Learn will ask for reporting at specific points throughout that year to make sure the project is on track, there is no deadline by which funds must be spent.
- I'm a non-profit working with a school. Can I apply for a mini-grant?
 - While Grow to Learn encourages schools to partner with outside organizations on their garden projects, we also require that each application for a Mini-Grant display the applying school's unique voice. In other words, the grant should be written by the school (teachers, staff, or parents of students attending the school). Partner organizations planning on contributing to the garden may lend a hand during the writing and planning process.
- Can the money go to a non-profit to run the gardening program?
 - Grow to Learn will only write grant checks to the school or the school's PTA. Grow to Learn grant funds may not be used to fund garden programming or the administrative and ongoing costs of a non-profit organization involved in the space.
- Can the grant pay for a garden teacher or manager?
 - Our grant cannot contribute to the salary of garden staff.
- Can I use the grant for Professional Development?
 - Grow to Learn does fund professional development opportunities for school gardeners. However, we hope that, when gardeners receive funding for training, they take what they've learned -- and any materials gathered -- and share that information with other gardeners at their school. If your school is applying for grant money to fund professional development, please include the course name and/or organization providing the professional development.
- Can I use the grant to pay volunteers or for per session pay?
 - Grow to Learn will not fund grants requesting funds to support volunteers or for teacher per session pay.
- What types of gardens are eligible?
 - We accept grants and advocate for all types and styles of gardens! We greatly encourage schools to garden with edibles and/or create gardens that support schools' educational and curricular goals. Grants that communicate these goals will be given precedence.

- Can I receive a grant for spaces not on school grounds?
 - If your school has an agreement to share space with a community garden or another outside organization, you may still apply for the grant. However, please note that all supplies purchased with grant money should directly benefit the school and its gardening efforts. If your school is using a space not on school grounds, please send a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to growtolearn@grownyc.org.
- Do we need to garden organically to receive the Mini-Grant?
 - While organic gardening in the small scale, educational environment is highly encouraged, it is not required.
- Can I use money for food for events?
 - Grow to Learn grants cannot fund food for events.