

2011 SHARE Grants

In 2011, SHARE awarded grants totaling \$14,200 to the following worthy organizations:

PLENTY Belize was awarded money to help expand their programs including the GATE program, which establishes gardens on school property that help supply school lunch programs.

In the activism/advocacy category -

Eugene Summer of Solutions received money to support a town/gown collaboration that they are starting through the Summer of Solutions program. Their hope is that students and neighbors will be empowered to share their gifts with one another while creating sustainable solutions to the biggest problems the world faces.

Another **Summer of Solutions** program that was approved is the **Twin Cities program**. They are trying to fund a bike repairperson from the Sibley Bike Co-op. They keep bikes that are available for use by program participants and need someone to help maintain and repair them.

Sandpoint Radio is a newly approved radio station whose programming will be based on local environmental and conservation issues ranging from water quality of their 148 square mile Lake Pend Oreille to the vast forest lands that make up north Idaho and western Montana's grizzly bear and wolf habitat.

Money was awarded to **Little Buffalo Festival** to help provide a community-supported, high-quality multicultural arts, environmental awareness and sustainable living event in the beautiful natural outdoor setting of the Little Buffalo State Park near Newport, PA.

In the conservation category -

The Yaak Valley Forest Council was awarded funding to support their efforts to permanently protect the last remaining roadless cores in the Yaak Valley, which total nearly 180,000 acres in the northern tier of the Kootenai National Forest through Wilderness designation and other management tools.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary received money to support their Corps program. They recruit young folks from outdoors and conservation clubs at local high schools. Their current projects include raising a trail bed to reduce erosion and working to eradicate invasive plant species.

Clarks Valley Conservatory is a newly forming organization who we are helping in their efforts to mobilize support for preservation of the Clarks Creek Watershed.

And in the Gardens category –

We are helping fund the **Campus Community Farm at St. Mary's College of Maryland**. This project is used for hands on experience for students and is also a resource for the community at large.

The Concrete Beet Farm is an urban garden in Minneapolis. The plot is a vacant lot adjacent to the Midtown Greenway bike path in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis, a low-income area without sufficient access to fresh food sources. They hope to start a CSA with 20-25 subscribers.

The Joshua Farm will be receiving money to assist with their youth employment program. They provide transitional housing for youth who are aging out of foster care. The programming includes agricultural apprenticeships in their greenhouse and gardens in Harrisburg's Allison Hill area. They are currently running a limited subscription CSA and have a farm stand on 18th Street.

We are supporting **Green Urban Initiative** in their goal of having every Harrisburg resident within a 4 block walk of a garden. They will be expanding bed space at Marion and Calder and filling the existing beds with more compost.

We invite you to check out Action Alley, a collection of displays of our recipients' work.