

**List of Mini-grants Awarded to Date****4-21-11****March 2011**

BJM Vegetable Garden: \$500 for the creation of a vegetable garden this spring by BJM first graders. The funds will contribute towards the purchase of tools and materials.

La Marketa: \$600 to support an indoor market (downtown) that provides immediate access to local and healthy foods to disenfranchised populations within Tompkins County, specifically, covering the initial costs of a space rental, health permit and marketing.

Phoenix Inter-generational Program: \$100 towards the program's transportation between Cayuga Ridge residents and Fall Creek Elementary School first graders.

Transportation Liaisons: \$100 to facilitate families in finding transportation to events held within the Ithaca City School District to boost family involvement in activities and thus, reduce race and class as predictors of school success.

West Village Gone Green: \$750 to purchase a deer fence, garden tools, soil and materials including the rental of a roto-tiller to start their community garden.

Lehman Alternative Community School: \$100 for student attendance at Powershift 2011 in Washington, D.C.

**December 2010**

Dacha Project: \$750 to purchase supplies to transition the Lister Generator from an energy source run off of diesel fuel to one that utilizes bio-diesel. The generator provides electrical power, heat and hot water to the Dacha homestead.

Danby Land Bank Cooperative: \$250 to support the Raising and Butchering Broilers proposal to purchase materials to build a portable chicken house as part of a greater initiative to make it easier for people to grow their own meat.

Downtown Music for Uptown Youth: \$600 to support the purchase of a Macintosh computer for the youth-run audio recording studio.

Parents Apart: \$250 in funds for five scholarships to parents helping children cope with separation and divorce.

Science Center: \$500 towards the purchase of a Seldon Water Tap Max and plumbing supplies to attach a nano-tech water filter exhibit to a drinking fountain, demonstrating to visitors through experience that "sustainable water, the filtered way" is a better alternative to bottled water.



West Village Community Build: \$350 for the start of a sustainable community garden and compost.

### **September 2010**

Dryden Elementary School: \$400 to purchase material and tools for the composting project.

Green Resource Hub: \$400 for the purchase smart meters and exhibit materials for public education on energy consumption in home and business as part of the Watt Meter Lending Program.

Ithaca Biodiesel Cooperative: \$600 to support the Campaign to Increase Public Awareness of Biodiesel with the purchase of advertising, publicity materials and office equipment.

Lore Productions: \$600 to purchase production supplies and publicity materials for the DIY Movie Making, "The Eco-Musical," a locally based creation (writing, casting, filming) that raises community awareness towards global issues of sustainability, including local environmental concerns.

Newfield Central School District: \$600 to support the Food Development Lab and Composing Project with the purchase of hydroponic growing kits and composting worms.

Silent City Bistro: \$500 for purchasing the rent and office supplies to support the Silent City Distro proposal's of providing resources to activists and grassroots organizations in the Tompkins County area.

### **June 2010**

Black Locust Initiative: \$750 for the purchase supplies to convert the walk in cooler to a root cellar for squash storage at the Trumansburg Middle School.

Congo Square Market Council: \$750 to support the Youth Farm Project in purchasing garden tools and lunch supplies for student workers to garden and harvest food that serves the BJM snack program and LASC lunch program.

Dryden Community Garden: \$630 for the purchase of fencing material to keep out browsing deer.

### **March 2010**

Caroline Food Pantry. \$350 for fencing materials to enclose 50' x 175' community garden providing fresh local produce to 300 households served by the food pantry.

"Cayuga Lake Community Build," a collaboration between the Preteen Green Camp of



the Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC) and the Cayuga Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (IO). \$300 for six scholarships to teens from downtown Ithaca and Dryden, to receive the "Water Wizards" training through the Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom.

Dryden Solutions. \$105 for printing and supplies to host monthly conversations at the Dryden Community Center Cafe on topics related to local sustainability.

Groton Student Vegetable Garden. \$150 for fencing materials to enclose 30' x 30' organic garden managed by students in grades 6-12 which provides fresh produce for the school.

Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming. \$300 for a scholarship to TC3's summer course in sustainable farming and local food systems, for credit.

West Hill Community Garden at Linderman Creek. \$250 for purchase of fruit trees.

Village Camp for Counselors-in-Training (Ithaca Community Recovery). \$600 for two scholarships for youth-at-risk to receive the counselor training and sustainability education at Camp Earth Connection.

### **December 2009**

Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute. \$400 for scholarships for downtown classes at Southside Community Center, focusing on sustainable garden design.

Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC) Middle School garden. \$500 for planting supplies for youth garden.

Share Tompkins. \$410 for creating an on-line directory for monthly community "Swap Meets" exchanging goods and services.

Whole Communities Project garden tool share. \$500 for purchase of garden tools and irrigation hoses for use by GIAC teens in downtown community gardens.

### **September 2009**

Dacha Project. \$500 for a non-electric compressed-air water pump for their educational garden.

Ithaca Freeskool. \$500 to print brochures of free classes offered to the community, and to create a promotional video.

IthaCan \$200 for web site support and supplies to teach food preservation skills.

Shaleshock Citizen Action Alliance. \$370 to print newsletters that raise awareness about environmental impacts of regional gas drilling.

Utica Street multi-families' garden. \$100 for purchasing seeds and plants for a vegetable garden to be shared by four families in the Fall Creek neighborhood.

**June 2009**

“Granny Squares” at Titus Towers. \$390 for the purchase of a quilting machine to produce patchwork quilts for auction, promoting financial self-reliance and deeper connectedness within this small group of senior women.

**March 2009**

Inter-generational Pizza Baking Project. \$250

Crossroads Critical Commentary. \$200 for supporting the start-up of an independent community newsletter on social justice issues.

Linderman Creek Garden Project. \$500 for launching a community garden that is accessible to immigrant and low income residents of Ithaca.

Youth Advocate Program's Media Project. \$500 for purchase of software for starting a youth media project at Tompkins County Youth Advocate Program.

**December 2008**

Free Will Awareness. \$500 to start an indoor basketball league for neighborhood youth in order to promote stronger social ties, teach teamwork and work to overcome racism.

Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC) Middle School. \$500 to establish a youth garden.

Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute. \$400 for launching the Maple Sugaring Education Project for 45 kindergarteners at BJM. Taught by Steve Gabriel, it included hands-on syrup tapping as well as related classroom exercises in science and math.

SewGreen. \$500 for no-cost sewing classes and fabric re-use workshops for lower-income residents.

Southside Neighborhood Association. \$500 for development of Southside Neighborhood Association.

**August 2008**

Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute. \$300 for permaculture design classes led by Joshua Dolan for MHATC (see next).

Mutual Housing Association of Tompkins County. \$550 for energy audit and landscaping fundraiser.

Southside Community Center. \$450 for materials to start their children's garden.



Southside Neighborhood Association. \$850 for development of Southside Neighborhood Association.

Tompkins County Chapter of American Red Cross. \$250 for lead inspection.