

Fundraising Projects

Involve your students in any number of fund raising activities to get the garden started such as,

- Sell garden products: seedlings, houseplants, floral arrangements, and wreaths.
- Hold special events: hold fall and spring plant sales, donated garden tools, and used books.
- Design and sell a T-shirt, hat or bag with the school garden logo.

Donations of Materials and Goods

Have students list the needs and possible sources. Work with them to develop a list of resources and contacts. Encourage students to bring seeds or plants from home.



At this school, families made contributions to fund the cost to build raised beds. The family names were carved into the raised bed edging to recognize their contribution to the school garden.

Donation sources might include:

- Local garden center - discarded plants, seeds, containers
- Local contractors - lumber for borders, stakes, tool sheds, boxes, trellises, fences, seed flats, compost bins
- Hardware stores - tools, old or discontinued styles
- Yard sales and thrift stores - bargain items
- City maintenance departments, private tree trimming companies or utility companies for wood chips and mulch for beds/paths
- School cafeteria - fruit and vegetable scraps for compost piles (check

- school regulations on disposal of food scraps)
- Fencing companies, pool or landscape contractors - donations
 - Wholesale seed companies - free catalogs