The youth garden movement has grown steadily in the past decade as more educators, caregivers, and families get excited about garden-based learning opportunities for kids. With that, the number of national and state grants available for youth gardens has increased.

To better understand the scope and impact of grant-making to youth gardens nationwide and whether funding is keeping pace with demand, KidsGardening, Big Green, Captain Planet Foundation, Green Our Planet, Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation, and Whole Kids Foundation conducted a national survey in March 2023 that revealed more than $14M was awarded to youth gardens in 2022 in the form of about 3,000 grants.

For more information and a list of organizations who completed the survey, visit this link.

RESULTS
DATA FROM JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

$14+ MILLION IN FUNDING
$4,425 MEDIAN SIZE OF EACH GRANT
70 MILLION KIDS
Source: US Census
54 STATES, D.C., AND TERRITORIES FUNDED
31 ORGS COMPLETED THE SURVEY
GARDEN TYPES FUNDED ACROSS GRANTMAKERS
Non-Edible/Food
Edible/Food
26.8%
73.2%
Every state, territory, and the District of Columbia received a grant in 2022 except for the Northern Mariana Islands.