

Dear Colleagues:

Please know that Home Depot (through the Home Depot Foundation) has announced grants (in the form of gift cards) for Volunteer Partnerships that embrace the following: *(taken from their web-link, please see below)*

- Repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing, or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.)
- Weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing, or community facilities
- Planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities
- Development and/or improvement of parks or green spaces

Funding Focus: Veterans, seniors, disabled, community development, housing, social services, education; **Geographic Focus:** National; **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, public schools and public service agencies; **Funding:** Multiple awards of \$5,000 Home Depot gift cards; **Deadline:** Oct. 31.

Purpose: The Community Impact Grants Program supports organizations that are using the power of volunteers to improve their communities. Priority will be given to efforts focused on helping veterans, seniors and the disabled stay in their homes comfortably, including home repair, modification, and weatherization projects.

Insider's tip: Applicants must submit their applications online. Every applicant receives a written response within six weeks of receipt of a request. Applicants should not contact the local store or The Home Depot Customer Care helpline to inquire about the status of an application. Those with questions should e-mail team_depot@homedepot.com.

Info: For more on the giving effort, please visit <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/how-we-help/grants.html>.

- Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, and tax-exempt public service agencies (e.g. Police/Fire Departments) in the U.S. are eligible to apply. **In very limited circumstances, applications that are submitted by organizations that do not meet this guideline will be considered, but only to the extent that they are requesting funds to support a charitable purpose as defined by the IRS.**
- Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S.
- Projects must be completed within six months following notification that the grant has been awarded, with reporting requirements due 30 days following the completion of the project.
- Grants are solely given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.
- Organizations who have received funding through The Home Depot Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program must wait 12 months after notification of award before applying for additional grants through this program. Each approved applicant must complete a Final Report before additional funding requests will be considered.

I suggest you visit the "homedepotfoundation" web-site (at **Info:** above) for the full language regarding this opportunity.

Good luck!

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