



# Conservation Education Grant Program

## BACKGROUND

The Conservation Education Grant Program has an open and revolving application cycle. The program supports forestry and natural resource educational program assistance to pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their educators, both in classroom and outdoor settings. Supported activities can be part of a structured curriculum, as well as informal learning opportunities.



Source-funding is USFS State and Private Forestry (S&PF) dollars which are allocated nationally. Within the western regions, funds are available to 17 western states and pacific island territories.

Projects must be in alignment with the S&PF program authorities, which are outlined in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended.

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## PROJECTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INTENT:

To receive funding, proposals must contribute to meaningful natural resource education experiences for youth or increase and improve the capacity of natural resource professionals, volunteers, or organizations to deliver quality educational experiences to youth audiences.

- Examples of qualifying activities:
  - Natural resource education for pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students,
  - Facilitator training activities and associated costs,
  - Professional development in the field of youth conservation education, including travel expenses,
  - Costs associated with hosting youth educational activities or events
  - Funding to supplant existing salary or operating expenses is NOT eligible.

## GRANT AMOUNT & REVIEW

- Award requests should be \$3,000 or less. Funds must be expended within one calendar year of the date of approval. Exceptions may be granted by the program manager for compelling circumstances.
- An application is available upon request from the grant manager and will be reviewed quarterly. Funding will be awarded based on eligibility for, and availability of funding.
- Generally, where applications that have a forestry component will be prioritized.
- Expenses must be directly billable to, or payable by the DNRC. In some cases, funds may be subawarded based upon the program manager's discretion.

## MATCH

- No match required; however, a 25% match (calculated as percentage of total grant funds awarded) is encouraged. Match-source funds can be non-federal cash or in-kind contributions.

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