

## **2016 Environmental Education Grant Summary**

Grant Overview: The PA Department of Environmental Protection is offering an Environmental Education Grant. Allowable activities include:

- Curriculum integration of PA Academic Standards for Environment and Ecology into existing K-12 curriculum
- Curriculum revisions to meet the Environment and Ecology academic standards
- Outdoor learning resource projects, such as –
  - Developing resources such as trails, agricultural demonstration areas, energy demonstration areas, ponds, wetland areas, sheltered learning stations, etc., where students can learn about natural systems and the interrelationship among natural and man-made communities.
  - Environmental literacy planning and programming
  - Mini-projects, including field trips, hands-on activities, or teacher education/in-service programs.
  - Other Environmental Education-related projects, such as formal and non-formal EE Certification to develop and implement institutionalized and community-based certification programs designed for teachers, naturalists and educators working in schools and environmental education facilities at parks, county conservation districts, nature/EE centers, conservancies and more.

While not required, a financial match is strongly suggested by the funder.

Amount of Award: Up to \$3,000.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications due on December 18, 2015. Notification in April 2016.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Matching funds are suggested, but not required. The administration will work with interested teachers to identify in-kind resources as a match, as well as potential partners for cash matches, if possible.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist interested teachers in applying for up to \$3,000 in grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grant.