

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Trout in the Classroom Start-up Grant

Grant Overview: Trout in the Classroom (TIC) offers grants to conservation-related organizations who form a partnership with a teacher; the two entities work together to implement the TIC program. It provides a package of resources to start one TIC program. A cash match of \$350 is required and grantees must purchase their own 55 gallon aquarium and aquarium lid.

TIC is an interdisciplinary program that increases coldwater conservation education in Pennsylvania schools by raising brook trout, a native coldwater species, from eggs to fingerlings. During the year, each teacher and their program partner tailors the program to fit his or her curricular needs; therefore, each program is unique. TIC has interdisciplinary applications in science, social studies, mathematics, language arts, fine arts, and physical education. Most programs end the year by releasing their trout in a state approved waterway. This opportunity is in partnership with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

A teacher at Beaty Warren Middle School is interested in starting a Trout in the Classroom project for her students.

Amount of Award: Educational materials, filter, thermometer, eggs/feed, technical support only – no cash award.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due February 24, 2011. Notification in March/April 2011.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: \$350 cash match, 55-gallon aquarium and aquarium lid. Teacher must attend mandatory TIC training. A class field trip to release fingerlings into a state-approved waterway.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited for a 2011 Trout in the Classroom Start-up Grant for a classroom at Beaty Warren Middle School.