

## **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.

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 the Learning Enrichment Center would like to submit an application to the Existing Program format of the grant. The award would be used to purchase kick nets to sample macroinvertebrates, a replacement aerator for trout transportation, and field trip assistance to the trout release site.

Amount of Award: Up to \$500.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due March 21, 2014. Awards announced in mid-April 2014.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Building funds may be required to for field trip costs not covered by the award.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited under the Existing Program format for a program at the Learning Enrichment Center.