

# Grants and Other Support

## **THIS APPENDIX HAS THREE PARTS:**

1. Web sites that list funding sources for environmental education.
2. Information on specific grant programs.
3. Information on developing successful grant applications.

## **1. WEB SITES THAT LIST FUNDING SOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

- Environmental Education on the Internet – EE Link (a project of the North American Association of Environmental Education):  
[www.eelink.net/ee-linkintroduction.html](http://www.eelink.net/ee-linkintroduction.html)
- The Foundation Center:  
[www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)
- Foundations On-Line:  
[www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html](http://www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html)
- National Fish and Wildlife Federation:  
[www.nfwf.org/programs/grant\\_apply.htm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/grant_apply.htm)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
[www.epa.gov/reg3ocgr/ee/fundorgs.htm](http://www.epa.gov/reg3ocgr/ee/fundorgs.htm)
- Virginia Naturally:  
[www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/grants.html](http://www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/grants.html)

## **2. INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC GRANT PROGRAMS**

### **Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund**

Ever wondered where the money from the “Chesapeake Bay” license plates ends up?

Since 1992, revenues from the Chesapeake Bay preservation plate have been deposited into the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund. These funds support educational projects sponsored by schools, environmental organizations, localities, etc.

Web site: <http://dls.state.va.us/cbrfac.htm>

### **Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program**

Provides grants to organizations working on a local level to protect and improve watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay basin, while building citizen-based stewardship.

Web site: [www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/index.htm](http://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/index.htm)

### **Classroom Grants: Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences**

The Virginia Resource Use Education Council and the Department of Environmental Quality are sponsoring a new grants program to provide teachers with small amounts of money for environmental education. Any school or school division is encouraged to apply for a grant of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 for the purpose of conducting meaningful outdoor experiences with their students.

Web sites: [www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/grants.html](http://www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/grants.html) or [www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/classroomgrants.html](http://www.deq.state.va.us/vanaturally/classroomgrants.html)

### **Five-Star Restoration Challenge Grant Program**

Provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat

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restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, and training activities.

Web site: [www.nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.htm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.htm)

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

This foundation administers more than two dozen grant programs, each with specific guidelines and timelines. See their web site for details.

Web site: [www.nfwf.org/programs/programs.htm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/programs.htm)

### **Southern Rivers Conservation**

Supports on-the-ground projects to restore and enhance riparian and riverine habitat in twelve southeastern states, including Virginia. Funding is provided for projects falling into one of the following focus areas: stream restoration, freshwater mussel conservation, and conservation of southeastern imperiled fishes.

Web site: [www.nfwf.org/programs/ROSR.htm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/ROSR.htm)

### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Environmental Education Grant Program**

This program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed decisions that affect environmental quality.

Web site: [www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html)

### **Virginia Environmental Endowment – Mini-Grant Program**

The Virginia Mini-Grant Program supports community-based efforts to strengthen environmental education and to promote

stewardship of Virginia's waterways. Public and private schools (K–12) in Virginia are eligible to apply for one-year awards up to \$5,000 to increase training in environmental education for educators and school administrators and to expand the use of existing educational resources (curricula, multi-media programs, publications, field studies) in schools and community programs. Projects must focus on water quality, land use, and/or sustainable communities. Projects must also include training for teachers/project leaders and service learning activities that engage students and community members in research to solve environmental problems.

Web site: [www.cvco.org/vee](http://www.cvco.org/vee)

## **3. INFORMATION ON DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a grant-writing tutorial on this web site: [www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm](http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm)

Writing a Successful Grant Proposal:

Web site: [www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm](http://www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm)

Grant-Writing Tools for Nonprofit Organizations

Web site: [www.npguides.org](http://www.npguides.org)

Proposal Writing – A Short Course

Web site: <http://fdncenter.org/learn/short-course/prop1.html>

Proposal Writing – Internet Resources

Web site: [www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/grants/proposal.htm](http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/grants/proposal.htm)