

# Environmental Education Funding Opportunities 2018

## STATE SOURCES

**DEQ Environmental License Tag Grant.** Grants encourage teachers and youth leaders to develop effective environmental education programs, environmental projects and/or strategies, the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Education Committee, working with the Department of Environmental Quality, offers grants each fall. Oklahoma teachers, public or private (Pre K – 12), school environmental clubs, youth group leaders, and/or organizations with a youth component are eligible to apply for the grant. Applicants may apply for amounts from \$200 up to \$1,000 per grant. Categories include: Environmental Club Projects, Outdoor Classroom Revitalization, Recycling, Composting, Edible Gardens, Environmental Education Projects, or Green Schools. Proposals are due **December 1** yearly. More information is available on the DEQ. Website: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/eepage.htm> Contact: Sara Ivey (405) 702-7122 or [sara.ivey@deq.ok.gov](mailto:sara.ivey@deq.ok.gov).

**OGE Energy Corp.** OG&E proudly gives teachers the power to create unique approaches to science, math and reading through our Teacher Grant Program. If you are a public school teacher of grades K-12 in the OG&E service territory, you can apply for a grant up to \$1,000. Any creative project, which deals with reading, mathematics or science, will be considered. The deadline is usually in **June** for grants awards for the following school year. Details online at: <https://www.oge.com/wps/portal/oge/about-us/community/educationalResources/> or email [ogecommunityrelationsteam@oge.com](mailto:ogecommunityrelationsteam@oge.com)

**Oklahoma's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program - Outdoor Classroom Grants.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' (FWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides project development grants up to \$7,000.00 for Outdoor Environmental Classrooms. These Outdoor Classrooms must have an emphasis on wetlands and/or endangered and threatened ecosystems in Oklahoma. Funds are to be used for project development, such as, wetland construction, walkways, gazebos, plant material, etc. For more information on wetland development and how to get a wetland classroom going at your school, call 918-581-7458 Website: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Oklahoma/pwp.htm>

**Sonic Headquarters Corporate Grants.** SONIC believes in giving back to the communities that have helped make us successful. As a company that was founded in, and continues to be headquartered in, the great state of Oklahoma, giving from our corporate headquarters is concentrated on Oklahoma-based 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations. We recognize there are many worthy causes performing important work in our community. Unfortunately, we are unable to support every good cause and have elected to make the greatest impact by being very focused on efforts that support educational opportunities for youth between the ages of 4-22 within the state of Oklahoma. Please allow 4-6 weeks for a response. <https://www.sonicdrivein.com/community>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES**

**American Honda Foundation.** Engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. Grants are given to Nonprofit charitable organizations classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, or a public school district, private/public elementary and secondary schools as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The grant range is from \$20,000 to \$75,000 over a one-year period. Deadline for submission from new organizations is **February 1** and **August 1 yearly**. Website: <http://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant> or contact American Honda Foundation, 1919 Torrance Blvd., Mailstop: 100-1W-5A, Torrance, CA 90501-2746 or email [ahf@ahm.honda.com](mailto:ahf@ahm.honda.com)

**Best Buy Children's Foundation.** The Best Buy Foundation will donate Community Grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. Examples of program activities include: Computer programming, Digital imaging (photography, graphic design, videography), Music production, Robotics, Gaming and mobile app development. Community Grants are designed to support local efforts and are reviewed for consideration by Best Buy teams across the nation. The average grant amount is \$5,000 and will not exceed \$10,000. Applications are accepted from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public agencies that have tax-exempt status and are giving teens access to opportunities through technology. Proposals are due **May 31, 2018**. Website: <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page/> Contact: [bestbuygrant@easymatch.com](mailto:bestbuygrant@easymatch.com) or 866-625-4350.

**Captain Planet Foundation.** Grants are available for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation which is to: promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Supports environmental projects for youth with grants from \$500-\$2,500, preference given to projects \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activities.) Deadlines for applications are **September 30<sup>th</sup>** for spring and summer projects and **January 31<sup>st</sup>** for fall and winter projects. Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/> or e-mail: [grants@captainplanetfdn.org](mailto:grants@captainplanetfdn.org)

**Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge.** The Conrad Challenge is an annual, multi-phase innovation and entrepreneurial competition that brings together a dynamic community of innovators and entrepreneurs driving a collaborative movement to develop extraordinary and viable solutions to benefit our world in one of four areas: Aerospace & Aviation, Cyber Technology & Security, Energy & Environment, and Health & Nutrition. Participants work together in teams of 2-5 members to develop solutions to some of the world's most complex problems. Finalist teams will compete to be recognized as "Pete Conrad Scholars" in addition to anticipated awards from sponsors that may include seed funding grants, investment opportunities, patent support, business services and scholarships to support the growth of their concept into a real business. Students ages 13-18 may participate. Team registration and Investor Pitch Submissions open in **October** and are **due in November**. Website: <http://www.conradchallenge.org/> Contact: [Info@ConradAwards.org](mailto:Info@ConradAwards.org)

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**Cox Charities – Innovation in Education Grants.** Cox Charities is committed to helping children achieve their full potential in the classroom. The Innovation in Education program funds technology, programs and curriculum that promote students' academic success and enhance the educational experience. Grants are awarded up to \$10,000 to teachers and administrators in both public and private schools, grades Pre-K through 12. Individual classroom grant (up to \$5,000): program or curriculum that will impact a single classroom. Collaborative grant (up to \$10,000): program or curriculum that impacts multiple classrooms, grade levels, course disciplines or schools. Grants are limited to schools within the Cox Communications residential service area. Deadline **March 1, 2018**. <http://coxcharitiesoklahomacity.com/innovation-in-education/>

**Echoing Green Fellowship Program.** Gives social change entrepreneurs tools and resources to start public service projects in fields including Economic Development, Education, Environmental Sustainability, Health, Justice & Human Rights, Hunger & Poverty Alleviation, Racial & Gender Equity. Fellows receive a two-year \$80,000 stipend, health insurance and professional development stipends. Applications for 2019 Echoing Green Fellows will open **late summer or early fall of 2018**. Website: <http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship>

**EPA Environmental Education Grants.** Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Local educational institutions, state agencies, and non-profit groups are eligible to apply. These grants cannot be used for structure construction and 25% cash or in-kind matching donation is required. Amount is determined yearly, subject to the availability of funds. Timeframe: EPA will accept proposals for one or 2 year project periods, but the total funding will be the same regardless of the project period. The deadline for applications varies from year to year. Contact: Bonita King, U.S. EPA Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202 [king.bonita@epa.gov](mailto:king.bonita@epa.gov) or find more information on the web: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

**Farmers Insurance – Thank America's Teachers.** Teachers who received a thank you note through Thank America's Teachers are invited to submit proposals for our \$2,500 grant. Once you submit your grant, make sure to share your great initiative and proposal with your entire community and supporters. We invite America to come vote for the strongest proposals determining the grant recipients. Annually, Thank America's Teachers will accept proposals and distribute 180 \$2,500 grants in three separate semesters. Sixty teachers will receive \$2,500 grants each per semester. Applications for Spring Semester due **February 27**. Applications for Summer Semester are due **May 30**. Applications for Fall Semester due **September 27**. <https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/>

**Green Thumb Challenge.** Green Education Foundation and Gardener's Supply Company have teamed up on an exciting funding opportunity for established youth garden projects nationwide! The organizations are calling on schools and youth groups to submit chronicles of their garden projects in a race to win a \$250 prize. The award is designed to support the continued sustainability of an exceptional youth garden program that has demonstrated success, and has impacted the lives of kids and their community. To be eligible you must have an existing garden program involving children currently in grades K-12, from schools and/or youth groups. Awards must be allocated towards the sustainability of current garden program. Deadline, **September 30**. For more information and the grant application, go to the website: <http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallengesub.html>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES continued...**

**GreenWorks! Community Action Projects.** Project Learning Tree offers GreenWorks! grants up to \$1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Students implement an action project they help design to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood's environment. The projects partner students with their whole school, local businesses and/or community organizations, and provide opportunities for student leadership. The funds can be used by students to implement recycling programs at their school, conserve water and energy, establish school gardens and outdoor classrooms, improve a forest, or restore a natural habitat, for example. To be eligible, applicants must have attended a PLT workshop, either in-person or online, that provides training, lesson plans, and other resources to help integrate these projects and environmental education into your curriculum or youth programs. Deadline **September 30**. Amount: up to \$1000 per project may be requested, must have 50% matching funds (which may be in-kind services/time/materials). <https://www.plt.org/resources/greenworks-grants/>

**The Home Depot Community Impact Grants.** Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to registered 501 organizations in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Our primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: Repairs, refurbishments, and modifications specific to ADA compliance or safety regulations to community facilities (schools, community centers, etc.); Weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of community facilities. Priority is given to projects that directly serve veterans and their families or involve veterans volunteering to help other veterans in their community. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis through **December 31**. You will receive a decision on your application within four-six weeks of submission. Website: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

**John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.** This is a large, national charitable foundation identified as the largest funding source of EE projects in 1990. Estimated to have given out more than \$5.5 million to EE projects. Contact: 140 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1100. Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 726-8000. Website: <http://www.macfound.org/>

**The Lawrence Foundation.** The Lawrence Foundation is focused on making grants to support the environment, human services and other causes. Nonprofit (section 501(c)(3)) organizations, public schools and libraries are eligible for grants. Grants are awarded twice a year, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information visit the website: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.php>

**Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants.** Raise \$2,000 to \$5,000 for your school in minutes. It's almost that easy when you take advantage of Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and they are dedicated to helping teachers or parent-teacher groups achieve even more for your school. Apply for the Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's. Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program is funded by the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, which has supported thousands of grassroots community and school projects in the communities where Lowe's does business. Applications due **February 9, 2018** and **September 28, 2018**. (Unless 1500 applications are received before that date). For more information and to apply online go to the website: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES continued...**

**NEA Foundation – Learning and Leadership Grants.** The NEA (National Education Association) Foundation provides grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson plan development, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff. Amount: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups. Notification: Applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times per year, **February 1, June 1, and October 15 every year.** Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

**NEA Foundation – Student Achievement Grants.** The NEA (National Education Association) Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Amount: \$2,000 and \$5,000. Notification: Applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times per year, **February 1, June 1, and October 15 every year.** Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants/>

**National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) Grants.** NEEF provides grants and awards to leverage the reach of their programs, implement program goals, support the efforts of other organizations and strengthen the environmental education (EE) field as a whole. Opportunities vary by year. Learn more about all of the NEEF opportunities on their website: <https://www.neefusa.org/grants>

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants.** The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program seeks to develop nation-wide-community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. Projects seek to address water quality issues in priority watersheds, such as erosion due to unstable streambanks, pollution from stormwater runoff, and degraded shorelines caused by development. Government, educational or non-profit groups are eligible to apply for amounts of \$20,000 - \$50,000. A 100% matching cash or in-kind contribution is required. Applications are due **January 31, 2019** with funding awarded in July. Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>

**PEW Charitable Trusts.** Another large, national charitable foundation with interests in environmental education projects, totaling more than \$1 million. Website: <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/philanthropic-partnerships>

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.** Recognize outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 -12. To be eligible, a young person must be in grades 5 through 12 as of November 1<sup>st</sup> during the applying year; have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application; and complete an application form and submit it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization. State Award amount is \$1000 and a trip to Washington D.C. National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000 and \$5,000 towards an organization of their choice. Applications are due **November 2018.** Website: <http://spirit.prudential.com/>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES continued...**

**Real World Design Challenge.** The Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace. Every teacher that participates in the RWDC gets \$1 million in professional engineering software along with training, curriculum materials, and access to mentors. Students first compete in a state level Governor's Cup. The team with the best design in each state gets an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC to compete in the national finals. State Challenge Issued **Spring 2018**, National Challenge Issued **January 2019**. Website: <http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/>

**Seeds for Education - Grants for School Gardens and Community Nature Areas.** The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants (\$100-\$500) to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. The grant recipient learning centers are those which most successfully reflect the Wild Ones mission to educate and share information about the benefits of using native plants in our landscape and to promote biodiversity and environmentally sound practices. Only through this knowledge, can we appreciate humankind's proper place in the web of life. The deadline for applications is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, awarded by February 15<sup>th</sup>, yearly. Website: <http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

**Sonic Drive-In - Limeades for Learning.** Limeades for Learning is a national initiative of Sonic, America's Drive-In to support public school teachers in local communities. In partnership with DonorsChoose.org, Sonic will provide essential funds needed for learning materials and innovative teaching techniques to inspire creativity and learning in today's youth. Over the course of the four-week campaign, Sonic fans can vote daily for their favorite projects, and the projects with the most votes get funded each week. Look for information about the 2018 timeline in late summer or early fall. <https://limeadesforlearning.com/>

**State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants.** State Farm is proud to team up with YSA (Youth Service America) and will select 20 K-12 public school superintendents and principals in the United States to create Schools of Impact. The program will support their efforts to improve student outcomes while strengthening their local communities. Support includes a grant up to \$5,000, an in-person training in Washington, DC (at no cost to participants), and ongoing technical assistance provided via YSA staff and a network of experts from the nonprofit, corporate, education, and government sectors. Applications are **typically due in June** each year. More information on the web: <http://ysa.org/grants/school-grants/goodneighbor/>

**Target Field Trip Grants.** Learning opportunities extend far beyond the classroom. But schools are finding it more and more difficult to bring students to museums, historical sites and cultural organizations. Field Trip Grants help give children these unique, firsthand learning experiences. Target will award 5,000 field trip grants across the country, which equates to 1 in every 25 K-12 schools receiving a grant. Each grant is valued up to \$700. Applications accepted **August 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> each year**. <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

## **NATIONAL SOURCES continued...**

**Toshiba America Foundation Grants.** Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their math and science classrooms. TAF is interested in funding projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools. Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) is dedicated to helping classroom teachers make mathematics and science learning fun and successful for students in U.S. schools. Grade K-5 applications are accepted once a year on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for up to \$1000. Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Grade 6-12 grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due **February 1<sup>st</sup>** and **August 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. Applications and guidelines are available online in PDF. Details on website: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>

**Town Creek Foundation.** Supports environmental programs that engage citizens in challenging the unsustainable use of natural resources and in protecting biological diversity. Strategies supported are grassroots activism, monitoring the enforcement of environmental laws, public policy advocacy, collaborative opportunities, media outreach, and model or demonstration projects fostering sustainable policies and practices. Letters of Inquiry Due: **December 1** for spring grants and due **April 1** for summer grants. Details on website: <https://www.towncreekfdn.org/application-process/>

**Ways to Help Grants.** \$500 grants for youth under the age of 19 for creative projects with a focus on issues such as Clean Water, Global Warming, Land Preservation, Recycling, and more: Website: <http://waystohelp.org/grants.php>

**Youth Garden Grants.** Cash is not offered, but tools, seeds and educational materials are provided by the National Garden Association for garden programs involving at least 15 children between 3-18 years of age. Several different grant programs are available with different timelines. More information can be found on the website: <https://www.kidsgardening.org/grants-and-programs/>

## **LOCAL SOURCES--Oklahoma City Metro Area**

**Chesapeake Energy.** Through our charitable giving approach, we reflect our core values by partnering with organizations that pursue continuous improvement for the benefit of the communities where we operate. Our charitable partnerships focus on four giving areas: STEM Education, Environment, Emergency & Disaster Response, and Community Development. If your organization falls into one of these categories and is a 501(c)(3) certified organization or accredited educational institution that operates in an area where we do business, you are eligible to apply. We accept requests for financial donations or materials retired from the corporate lifecycle. Donation requests are reviewed three times a year, **February 1, May 1 and August 1**. <http://www.chk.com/responsibility/communities/donation-requests>

**Continental Resources.** Continental Resources, Inc. accepts charitable donation requests from non-profit community organizations involved in: Youth & Education, Emergency Response, Healthy Lifestyles, Arts and Culture, Social Services. When receiving any request, we look for evidence of the following: Strong organizational leadership and capacity to accomplish what is being proposed and Strong statement of organizational mission that is consistent with the needs of the community. Proposals are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. <http://www.contres.com/content/donations>

## **LOCAL SOURCES--Oklahoma City Metro Area continued...**

**Devon Energy Science Giants Grant Program.** Devon's Science Giants grant program is designed to help educators provide strategic, inventive and hands-on science instruction to spark students' interest in the subject. Devon will present one \$25,000 award to an Oklahoma County Public School (or charter) to support a strategic and creative vision for school-wide academic progress in science. All Oklahoma County Public Schools (pre-K through 12th grade), including charter schools, can apply. Applications accepted **August through October**. <http://www.devonenergy.com/social-responsibility/community-relations/stem/science-giants/science-giants-form-okc>

**Kirkpatrick Family Fund.** Primary fields of interest are Arts & Humanities, Children, Youth & Families, Community Development, Education, Environment, Health, Social Services. The Fund would be supportive of outdoor classroom gardens that have a strong educational component. Grants of \$10,000 or less are accepted July 1, September 1, January 1, and March 1 or the first business day after the deadline. Grants of \$10,001 - \$100,000 are accepted March 1 and September 1. For more information go to <http://kirkpatrickfamilyfund.org/home>

**Kirkpatrick Foundation.** The mission of the Kirkpatrick Foundation is to support Arts and Culture, Education, Animal Concerns and Environmental Conservation, primarily in Central Oklahoma. Grant proposals are considered only from not-for-profit organizations qualified as public charities under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadlines for requests over \$10,000 are **June 1** and **December 1**. Requests less than \$10,000 have **no specific deadline** but please allow 30-45 days for consideration. Website <http://kirkpatrickfoundation.com/apply-for-a-grant>

**Love's Travel Stops & County Stores.** Love's issues monetary or in-kind donations to non-profit organizations or government entities. Preference is given to organizations located in the Oklahoma City Metro area. Preference is given to organizations with an emphasis on education and youth programs, community improvement, or health. <https://www.loves.com/en/about-us/community>

**Margaret Annis Boys Trust Fund.** The Parks & Public Spaces/Margaret Annis Boys Trust Grants support the development of parks and other outdoor spaces to meet the health, cultural and recreational needs of citizens in Oklahoma County. The grants will support planning, implementation and/or program development to encourage use of neighborhood and community public parks or spaces open to the public. Neighborhood and community groups and churches connected to parks, schools, trails and other public spaces are eligible to apply. Contact Brian Dougherty at (405) 606-2908 or email [b.dougherty@occf.org](mailto:b.dougherty@occf.org) to determine the eligibility of your project no later than **June 16, 2018**. This will give you an opportunity to fully understand the guidelines before you develop your written proposal and give the trust an opportunity to learn more about your specific goals and interest. For more information visit the website: <https://occf.org/parks/>