

OMAHA LEAD SITE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
TOPIC: GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The following contains information regarding a grant opportunity through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Education

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Funding Opportunity Title: Environmental Education Grant, Fiscal Year 2005

Announcement Type: Solicitation Notice

CFDA Number: 66.951

Due Date: Applications are due November 15, 2004

Purpose of the Funding Opportunity: This grant program provides financial support for projects which design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques as described in this notice. This program is authorized under Section 6 of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (the Act) (Public Law 101-619). These grants require non-federal matching funds for at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

Awards: Each year, this program generates a great deal of public enthusiasm for developing environmental education projects. Consequently, EPA receives many more applications for these grants than can be supported with available funds which are approximately \$3 million per grant cycle. The competition for grants is intense, especially at Headquarters which usually receives over 200 proposals and is usually able to fund 10 to 12 grants or about 5% of the applicants. The EPA Regional Offices receive fewer applications and on average fund over 30% each year.

A large share of the annual funding is distributed through the regional office grants because Congress directs EPA to award small grants to local schools and organizations. By limiting the size of the grants, EPA is able to reach more applicant organizations. In summary, an applicant will significantly increase their chance of being funded if their budget is competitive and they request \$10,000 or less from a Regional Office or \$100,000 or less from Headquarters. EPA Grants in excess of \$100,000 are seldom awarded through this program and proposals for over \$150,000 will not be considered.

Eligibility: This program accepts grant proposals from education institutions, environmental and educational public agencies, and not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations to support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship.

Application and Submission Information: In the order listed here, the proposal must contain the following: (1) Two standard federal forms [Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) and Budget Information (SF-424A)]; (2) project summary sheet; (3) project description; (4) detailed budget; (5) timeline; (6) description of personnel; and (7) letters of commitment (if you have partner organizations).

Link to complete announcement: http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_sol2005.html