

WATERSHED EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Round 29

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Sponsored by: Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Application Deadline: **Friday, February 6, 2026, by 4:00 PM - NO exceptions**

Project Period: Start no earlier than Sept. 1, 2026; must finish within 12 months of the contract execution date and submit a final report.

Additional Information: Please carefully read this grant program summary as well as fully read the **Application Checklist and Guidelines** document as there is important information in there that we don't want you to skip over. This important information can benefit you and get you additional funding either in the future from this program, or other organizations.

Purpose

The following topics **MUST** be integral parts of the proposal:

- **Fresh water**
- **NYC Water Supply System**
- **West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed**

Projects should promote understanding between NYC and WOH communities, highlight water conservation, watershed history, cultural and ecological diversity, and/or climate change impacts.

Eligible Applicants

- Schools (public or private)
- Municipalities
- Non-profit organizations (must show proof of status)

Types of Applications/Grant Amounts

- **Student/Teacher Grants:** \$400 – \$10,000
- **Public Audience Grants:** Up to \$5,000

Proposals must:

- Address all integral parts (Fresh water, NYC Water Supply, WOH Watershed)
- Include an evaluation plan
- Demonstrate how the project will be integrated into the existing curriculum

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Offer matching funds/in-kind support
- Promote upstate-downstate or in-kind collaboration
- Engage WOH audiences
- Explore environmental careers/trainings
- Include community service
- Promote environmental stewardship/sustainability
- Cover priority topics (e.g., conservation, cultural/biological diversity, climate change, history, engineering upgrades)

Restrictions

- Funds cannot be used for capital costs of constructing stationary facilities or property purchases
- Teacher funds must be for work beyond normal duties

Application Process

Submit online through **Formsite**. Prepare project descriptions separately, then paste into the form.

Application must include:

1. **Cover Page:** Project name, request amount, lead person, collaborators (with letters), dates, target audience (# reached).
2. **Project Description (500 words each):**
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Methods & Activities
 - Evaluation Plan (objectives, methods, tools, results)
 - Documentation & Outreach
3. **Budget (200 words each category):** Personnel, Equipment/Supplies, Services, Communications, Travel, Special Options. No food costs allowed. In-kind contributions encouraged.

4. **Supporting Documents:** Non-profit proof, letters of agreement, optional resumes/evaluation tools.

Final Report: Required within 12 months of contract execution date (including expenses and evaluation).

As always, reach out if you have any questions.

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