

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUNDING WINDOW

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EE Grant Proposal's – Eligibility CRITERIA

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (EE) as defined in A.R.S. § 17-296, means educational programs dealing with basic ecological principles and the effects of natural and man related processes on natural and urban systems and programs to enhance public awareness of the importance of safeguarding natural resources.

The intent is to fund **EE** projects that give the greatest return for the Heritage funds invested consistent with the eligibility criteria listed below. For **2016** there is **\$16,000** available to support **EE grant proposals**. Grant applicants can request from **\$500 to \$10,000** within this sub-category.

Grant proposals that do not meet **one or more** of the **Eligibility CRITERIA** listed below **will be rejected**:

CRITERION 1: Educator Professional Development Follow-up.

The emphasis of this criterion is to provide funds to help professional educators develop resources, programs, lessons or activities inspired by Department-sponsored educator professional development training. Any participant of a Department-sponsored educator training since 2013 is eligible to apply for funds to help implement strategies and ideas introduced in that training. All applications must include the title or brief description of the training attended and the date (month and year) of the training. A photocopy of the participant certificate (if provided) can also be included, but is not required. The application must clearly show how the project ties back to the content of this training. The Department's wildlife education coordinator will confirm workshop participation before awards are approved. Any lessons, resources or other educational products developed as part of the grant must be made available to the Department.

CRITERION 2: North American Model of Wildlife Conservation Education and Outreach.

The purpose of this criterion is to provide funds to develop and implement unique projects that can educate the general public on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (NAM). Examples of projects can include, but are not limited to: media or marketing campaigns, formal or informal curriculum, and interactive exhibits. Information about NAM can be found at http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/northamericanmodel.shtml. Priority will be given to projects that:

- a. Reach audiences currently unaware of the NAM.
- b. Can be easily replicated beyond the scope of the original proposal.

CRITERION 3: Developing Natural Resource Stewards.

The purpose of this criterion is to fund collaborative multi-agency/organization projects that use outdoor recreation as the foundation to develop public appreciation and stewardship of natural resource conservation. These funds should be used to assist with the implementation of projects that will efficiently allow these organizations to link their natural resource education and outreach programs together. The focus should be on breaking down barriers between different organizations to allow collaborative planning and facilitate opportunities for a broader segment of the public to learn about natural resource conservation through continuous hands on, outdoor based, recreational activities.

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