



Grant Programs & Funding Opportunities for Michigan Educators

Captain Planet Foundation

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/>

Amount: \$250 - \$2,500

Deadline: Proposals reviewed quarterly.

Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement, and involve K-12 youth. For more information, call: (404) 827-4130

eSchool News School Funding Center

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/erc/funding/>

Information on up-to-the-minute grant programs, funding sources, and technology funding.

Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund

www.glhabitat.org

Amount: \$500-\$3,500

Deadline: March 31 and Sept. 30, annually

Funds grassroots citizen initiatives working to protect and restore Great Lakes shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other aquatic habitats in the Great Lakes Basin.

Great Lake Basin Program for Erosion and Sediment Control Funding

<http://www.glc.org/basin/funding.html>

Deadline: Varies

Eligible applicants include units of state, county and municipal government; tribal authorities; watershed councils; soil and water conservation districts; academic institutions; environmental groups; and other nonfederal public entities or nonprofit organizations in the United States. Applications only accepted electronically. For more information, contact Tom Crane at tcrane@glc.org or 734-665-9135.

Great Lakes Protection Fund

www.glpf.org

Deadline: awarded quarterly (March, June, Sept., Dec.)

Funds projects that lead to tangible improvements in the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem, promote the interdependence of healthy ecological and economic systems, and are innovative, creative, and venturesome.

GreenWorks Grants

<http://www.plt.org/greenworks/grantinfo.cfm>

Amount: \$200-\$1000

Deadline: May and September

Project Learning Tree (PLT) funds grant requests from teachers to implement environmental community action and service learning projects. Participants are encouraged to form partnerships with groups, businesses or organizations within their communities to help implement and sustain environmental projects. Examples of past

projects include stream clean-ups, graffiti paint-overs, outdoor classrooms, schoolyard restoration, and habitat improvements.

Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq> (search by the name of the grant program)

1) Volunteer Stream Cleanup Grant:

Provides grants to local units of government to help implement cleanups of rivers, streams, and creeks to improve the waters in Michigan. A local unit of government means any of the following: a county, city, village, or township; an agency of a county, city, village, or township; a soil conservation district; a local health department; 4-year institution of high education. Volunteer organizations may partner with local units of government to carry out the cleanups.

2) Volunteer Stream Monitoring

Amount: \$50,000 awarded annually

Deadline: Not specified.

To assist volunteer organizations in the development of programs to monitor streams and rivers. DEQ staff provides training to all funded volunteer groups.

Contact Gary Kohlhepp at Tel: 517-335-1289 Email at kohlhepg@michigan.gov

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> (search by the name of the grant program)

1) Arbor Day Mini Grants

Deadline: October annually

Amount: \$200

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools and volunteer groups to develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan, including tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and reference material acquisition.

2) Natural Heritage Grants Program

Deadline: December 1

Amount: \$2,000-10,000

Funds are awarded for projects that identify, protect, manage and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities and other natural features, and to promote the knowledge, enjoyment and stewardship of Michigan's native species and ecosystems for present and future generations.

3) Urban And Community Forestry Program

Deadline: May 2004

Amount: up to \$20,000

Funds projects in forest interpretation, restoration, research and education.

4) Applied Wildlife Research Grant

Deadline: January 31, 2004

Amount: no \$ limit

To provide and enhance wildlife habitat and improve knowledge of wildlife species and management. Projects must emphasize species in the greatest need of conservation, including low and declining populations. Projects can include, but are

not limited to, studies on key habitats and community types essential to the conservation of these species, threats that adversely impact these species and habitats, and evaluation of impacts of management actions on these species and habitats.

Philanthropy News Digest-K-12 Funding Opportunities

<http://fdncenter.org/pnd/>

K-12 funding opportunities for teachers, learning technology, and more.

School Grants

<http://www.schoolgrants.org/>

Assists K-12 educators with the grant application process.

Stories in the Land Teaching Fellowships

<http://www.orionsociety.org>

Deadline: varies

Amount: \$1,000

The Orion Society funds projects initiated by educators working with K-12 students to enhance land stewardship through field trips, educational resources, and other special projects.

Teachers of Mathematics

<http://www.nctm.org/about/met>

The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) funds special projects that enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics.

Toshiba America Foundation

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html>

Deadlines: K-6 projects - October 1

Gr. 7-12 projects – less than \$5,000 anytime; more than \$5,000 due Feb.1 & Aug.1

Supports projects that encourage hands-on teaching of science and mathematics. For more information, call 212.588.0820 or email: foundation@tai.toshiba.com

Toyota Tapestry Grants

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/>

Amount: up to 50 grants of \$10,000 each, and 20 mini-grants of \$2,500 each.

Deadline: January

Funds projects initiated by K-12 teachers in three areas:

- Environmental Science Education
- Physical Science Applications
- Literacy and Science Education

Upper Peninsula Sustainable Forest and Wildlife Fund

Amount: up to \$1,000

Deadline: April 1 and November 1 each year

Grants to non-profits in Upper Peninsula for research, youth, education, training, and wildlife habitat improvement projects related to the sustainability of Upper Peninsula (of Michigan) forests and wildlife. c/o Dr. Michael Allkins, President, Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, MI Tel: (906) 786-5802, ext. 1133

Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition

<http://www.upenvironment.org/>

Amount: up to \$500

Deadline: March 1, 2004

Funds the development of new environmental education programs or provides support for existing programs. Will fund travel, meals, honoraria, and supplies, but not salaries.

U.S. Department of Education Funding Initiatives

<http://www.ed.gov/funding.html>

Among a wealth of other information, this site provides comprehensive information on applying for grants and listings of current funding opportunities.

U.S. EPA Environmental Education Grant Program

www.epa.gov or <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed>

Deadline: varies

Amount: up to \$25,000

Supports environmental education and training projects.

Youth Garden Grants

www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp

Deadline: November 1st

The National Gardening Association awards 400 Youth Garden Grants to schools, neighborhood groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational programs throughout the United States. Each grant consists of an assortment of quality tools, seeds, and garden products generously contributed by leading companies from the lawn and garden industry. To be eligible, groups must plan to garden the following year with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Selection of winners will be based on demonstration of a child-centered plan that emphasizes children directly learning and working in an outdoor garden. Selection criteria include leadership, need, sustainability, community support, innovation and educational, environmental and/or social programming.

Tel: 800-538-7476, ext. 205

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