

## **AEP Access to Environmental Education Fund**

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **1. What projects are eligible for funding; do you have any examples?**

The goal of the *AEP Access to Environmental Education* mini-grants is to encourage and support creative, local environmental education and stewardship activities for youth that build on the unique assets and strengths of the region's individual communities. FAO welcomes the innovation and creativity of teachers and community organizations. While possible projects are listed below, they are in no way intended to be a final or comprehensive list, just possibilities to assist in the application process.

#### ***We anticipate mini-grants will fund projects such as:***

- Educational hikes in the Wayne National Forest to complement study of Ora Anderson's oral history of the Wayne's reforestation. Part of the project might include hosting a community viewing of the documentary at the Forest to share what was learned.
- Provide educational programming and supplies to enable youth to host community "River Sweeps," beautify community parks, establish community vegetable gardens or host community Earth Day celebrations.
- Tours to learn about the environmental stewardship work of local people such as watershed coordinators, forest rangers, and staff of various public agencies such (e.g. Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Farm Service Agencies and Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Students could then educate their community or other students through reflective presentations regarding how environmental sciences are practiced *close to home*.
- Enable the development of new environmental educational resources for youth in the region. For example, supporting enhancement of learning labs at 4-H camps such as Canter Caves or enhance existing 4-H conservation camp programming.
- Fieldtrips to environmental education experiences, service learning workshops, interpretative hikes, stream tours or seminars, etc.

#### **2. How long does the application process take?**

In addition to filling out basic information, there are six main questions you will answer in regards to the project request. At anytime during the application process, you can save your information and return at a later date or time to finish and you are not limited by character count, so be sure to answer each question as detailed as possible.

#### ***Questions include:***



- Please provide a brief summary of organization's history and statement of organization's mission, if applicable.
- Please provide a detailed description of overall project to be funded under this grant and a timetable for implementation, including duration of project.
- Provide specific short-term, intermediate and/or long-term outcomes of this project and the time-frame within which they will occur.
- How will outcomes be measured?
- Lessons Learned: how will youth share lessons learned with the broader community? e.g. through outreach such as public events, presentations and displays and/or media engagement.
- Budget: please provide a detailed, itemized breakdown of anticipated project costs and project total, i.e. transportation, supplies, etc. Please also include any funding from other sources, if applicable.

**3. What is the maximum amount of funding for each grant?**

The maximum amount for each grant is \$1,500.

**4. Can multiple teachers from the same school apply?**

Yes! There is no limit to the number of applications a school and/or teacher can submit; any teacher may submit an application(s) for their project(s).

**5. Is there a character or word limit for application questions?**

No, there is no word count limited for the application, please be sure to be as detailed as possible.