

Water Education Grant Information

Program Description

Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) has budgeted grant funds for public or private groups, programs, or projects that support or pursue the continued planning and management of CCWD and are responsive to the needs and concerns of an informed public.

Specifically, funding will be given to projects that:

- **Provide information** to the **public and decision-makers** regarding:
 - The watershed or watershed District
 - Compatible uses of its water resources
 - How individuals can assist in water resource management
 - Ways to improve water quality
- **Provide opportunities** for the **public**
 - To participate in water quality activities or to volunteer
- **Support education opportunities for K-12 students** concerning
 - Awareness of water quality or the impact of land-use on water quality

Guidance

Eligibility Applicants can be:

- Public and Private Schools including those that draw a significant amount of the student body from within CCWD
- Not-for-profit or Religious organizations located within CCWD
- Government agencies located within CCWD
- Businesses or corporations located within CCWD

Examples of projects: Transportation to Water Fair; purchase of water analysis kits.

Not eligible: Incomplete applications will not be referred to the Board for consideration OR projects already completed or in progress when approved.

Eligible Expenses All or a portion of an eligible application may be funded.

Evaluation Criteria Priority will be given to proposals that provide:

- Information to the public and decision-makers regarding water resources
- Opportunities for the public to participate or volunteer in water quality activities
- Educational opportunities for K-12 children concerning water quality

Funds Applications are considered year round until funds are depleted.

- Complete applications are reviewed by staff and CCWD Board.
- Grants are awarded by the Board in increments of approximately \$500.
- Applications not funded within a fiscal year must reapply for consideration.
- **Funding Agreement** Each project selected will enter into an agreement defining the scope of the grant and the obligations of the applicant and the CCWD. Funding will only cover qualified activities done after the agreement is signed.
- **Reporting Requirements** A completed project summary will be submitted to CCWD within 30 days of the completion of the activity funded by the grant.