

NOAA Chesapeake **B-WET Program Funding Opportunity** Overview

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Presentation Overview

- Orientation to NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, the B-WET Program, and MWEEs
- Finding and applying for B-WET funding
- Elements of a proposal



What is NOAA B-WET?

- B-WET = Bay WatershedEducation and TrainingProgram
- B-WET funds locally relevant, authentic learning for K-12 audiences through
 Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences

Pacific Northwest (NOAA Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary)

California (NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries)



New England (NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office)

Chesapeake (NOAA Fisheries Chesapeake Bay Office)



(8) Areas Currently Served by NOAA B-WET

Chesapeake Program Outputs

- Over 700,000 student MWEEs
- Over 27,000 teachers trained
- 266 grants made
- Over \$48 million in funding



2023 Highlights

- 2 NOFOs:
 - School District MWEE Programming
 - Regional Capacity Building
- Anticipating a total of \$700K available for 5-7 awards
- Approximately \$1.9M in continuations







Fisheries, National Ocean Service, Environmental Satellites, National Weather Service, Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Science, Service, Stewardship



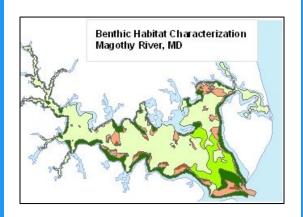
NOAA's Mission

- To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans, and coasts
- To share that knowledge and information with others
- To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources

NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO)

Science

- Habitat Characterization and Assessment
- Buoys and Remote Coastal Observations
- Fisheries and Ecosystem Modeling



Service

- Oyster Restoration
- Interjurisdictional Fisheries
 Management Coordination
- Applied Fisheries Research striped bass, oysters, catfish



Stewardship

- Communication and Training
- Systemic, School-Based
 Science Education
- Environmental Literacy Policy Coordination





NOAA 20-Year Education Strategic Plan

Goals Include:

- Science-informed Society
- Conservation and Stewardship
- Safety and Preparedness
- Future Workforce

For more info:

http://www.noaa.gov/explainers/noaa-education-strategic-plan

Maryland



Virginia



Pennsylvania



Washington, D.C.



West Virginia



New York













Chesapeake Bay Program

A Watershed Partnership











US Army Corps of Engineers®





"Enable students in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed"

NOAA + E-LIT





OUTCOMES:



STUDENT

Continually increase students'
age-appropriate understanding of the
watershed through participation of teachersupported, meaningful educational experiences
and rigorous, inquiry-based instruction, with a
target of at least one meaningful watershed
educational experience in elementary, middle,
and high school depending on
available resources.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

Continually increas

the number of schools in the region that reduce the impact of their buildings and grounds to their local watershed, environment and human health through best practices, including student-led protection and restoration projects.

E-LIT PLANNING

Each participating Bay jurisdiction should develop a comprehensive and systemic approach to environmental literacy for all students in the region that includes policies, practices and voluntary metrics that support the environmental literacy goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement.



MWEE // Student Outcome

Continually increase students' age-appropriate understanding of the watershed through participation in teacher-supported, meaningful watershed educational experiences and rigorous, inquiry-based instruction, with a target of at least one MWEE in elementary, middle, and high school depending on available resources.



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Environmental Action Projects Synthesis & Conclusions



Issue Definition

Students focus on an environmental question, problem, or issue requiring background research and investigation.





Outdoor Field Experiences

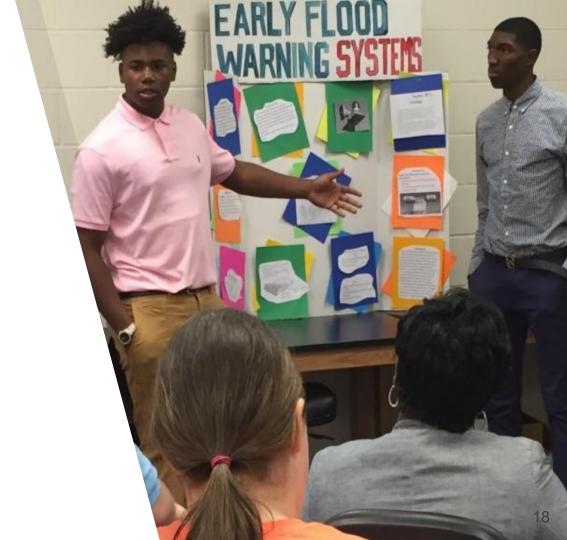
Students participate in multiple outdoor field experiences sufficient to investigate the issue. This may include collecting data or making observations. They may occur on school grounds or at an off-site location.





Synthesis & **Conclusions**

Students identify, synthesize, and apply evidence from their investigations to draw conclusions and make actionable claims about the issue.





Environmental Action Projects

Students brainstorm and evaluate solutions to the issue and then take action! Action comes in many forms but it should be student-driven.





MWEE SUPPORTING PRACTICES

- Teacher Facilitation
- Learning Integration
- Sustained Experience
- Local Context



NOFO #1 - School District MWEE Programming

- Priority Areas:
 - Implementing MWEEs in School Districts
 - Supporting SchoolDistrict Capacity forEnvironmental Literacy
- Special Interest Area:
 - Climate Change



Implementing MWEEs in School Districts

- Systemic MWEEs reach the entire student population in one or more grades in a district/IU
- All teachers receive high quality professional development
- MWEEs should be embedded into district curriculum
- ► If systemic isn't possible, districts must demonstrate how they are working towards that goal



Supporting School District Capacity for Environmental Literacy

- ► Enhances support systems with ultimate goal of embedding systemic MWEEs into curriculum
- May include approaches like: developing a network, creating an environmental literacy plan, establishing a comprehensive plan for professional development, supporting coordinator position for environmental literacy



Community Partnerships

- Projects that partner with community organizations that serve marginalized groups and are representative of those communities
- Mutually beneficial partnerships that programmatically and financially recognize expertise



Special Interest Area: Climate Change

Applicants may choose to address the special interest area through either of the priority areas

 Projects that use MWEEs to foster climate knowledge, skills, and competencies to address climate change, climate impacts, and climate solutions

Eligibility

Chesapeake B-WET must serve audiences within the boundaries of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, therefore, only school districts with more than 25% of their land mass falling within the Chesapeake Bay watershed are eligible for funding.



NOFO #2 -Regional Capacity Building

This project will support the outcomes of the Environmental Literacy Foal of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement by increasing capacity within all levels of the environmental literacy ecosystem



Regional EL Capacity Building

- Resource and expand the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Network
- Convene Education Workgroup and key partners through EL Forum and Summit
- Build capacity of school districts and nonformal EE leaders
- Administer programming focused on increasing the number and quality of youth EE programs

MWEE & E-LIT RESOURCES



Search

MWEE Guide ~

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State Initiatives >

Funding Opportunities

About

Bay Backpack

Bay Backpack provides educators with the tools they need to support Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences, or MWEEs, for their students. Explore Bay Backpack for teaching resources, action projects, field experiences, and funding opportunities related to the Chesapeake Bay.

Download the MWEE Guide

Enroll in the MWEE Course



www.baybackpack.com





MWEE Resources >

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About

What is a MWEE?

The Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) is a learner-centered framework that focuses on investigations into local environmental issues and leads to informed action. Teachers play an important role in providing structure, support, and encouragement as students use their curiosity and creativity to investigate and take action to address a local environmental issue. MWEEs are made up of multiple components that include learning both outdoors and in the classroom and are designed to increase environmental literacy by actively engaging students in building knowledge and meaning through hands-on, student-centered learning experiences.

"The MWEE is a learner-centered, inquiry and action framework that provides educators a roadmap for teaching content in a more engaging way. This type of hands-on learning helps students to understand their impact and realize their personal power to make changes in their local community, which in turn has the potential to affect all habitats and species living downstream."

- Tamara E. Peffer, Environment & Ecology Content Advisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Virtual & Hybrid MWEEs

The Distance Learning Supplement to the Meaningful Watershed Educational

MWEE Guide

What is a MWEE?

Why MWEE?

Developing Your MWEE

Sustaining Your MWEE

Funding Your MWEE

MWEE Case Studies

Download the MWEE Guide

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Download the Student Toolbox



Download the MWEE Evaluation Tool

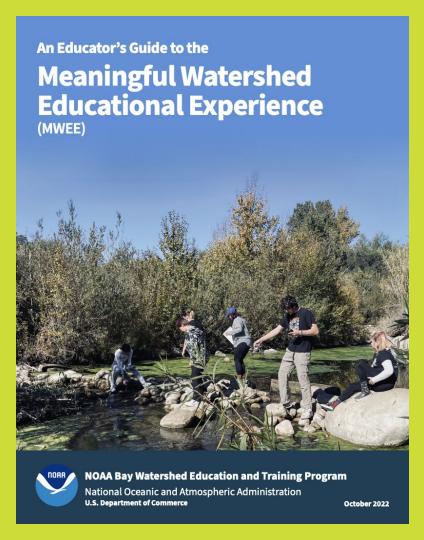


View the MWEE Online Courses



Download the Facilitator's Guide

www.baybackpack.com



- MWEE definition / background
- Planning worksheets
- Planning tool ELM
- Evaluating tool MWEE Audit

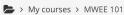










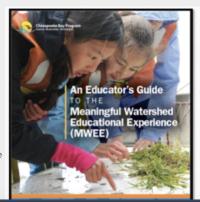


Your progress

MWEE 101

Welcome to the online course for the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE). We're glad to have you here!

This course is made up of three lessons: Why MWEEs, What Makes a MWEE, and Planning and Evaluating MWEEs. These lessons will introduce you to the MWEE, explore what MWEEs can look like, highlight the MWEE's components, and introduce the tools that support the development and implementation of MWEEs.





CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION









> My courses > MWEE 201

Your progress @

Welcome

MWEE 201

A course certificate and continuing education credit are not yet available for MWEE 201 but we are working on it! Please continue to use this course as a resource.

Welcome to the online course series for the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE). We're glad to have you here! This course is the second in a series. If



MWEE Online Courses http://bit.ly/MWEECourse

Structure:

- Framing the MWEE
- Curriculum Anchor
- Issue Investigation
- Stewardship & Civic Action
- Auditing your MWEE

Conceptual Framework:

- Background Information
- Model It
- Example
- Additional Resources
- Plan It

Table of Contents

Part 1: Framing the MWEE

Page

Total Estimated Time: 45 minutes

Activities

- 1. Reflection on MWEE 101 Online Course
- 2. State Policies & State Education Standards
- 3. Environmental Literacy Plans

Objectives:

- 1. Participants will reflect on their work in the MWEE 101 Online Course.
- Participants will develop understanding around the Maryland state policies, education standards, and planning efforts that support MWEEs.

Part 2: Curriculum Anchor

Page

Total Estimated Time: 4 hours / half-day

Activities

- Exploring Local Issues
- 2. Connecting Issues with Questions and Standards
- 3. Introducing Action Early
- 4. MWEE Planning Tools
- Plan It (Developing Driving and Supporting Questions worksheet and Curriculum Anchor page of the ELM)

Objectives:

- Participants will identify and describe one or more local issues affecting environments and societies in Maryland.
- Participants will explain ways in which one or more local issues affecting environments and societies in Maryland can be contextualized for classroom learning.
- Participants will explain why informed student action is critical to the MWEE, and ultimately, to their student's future stewardship.

Facilitator's Guide to MWEE Training

Writing Your Proposal

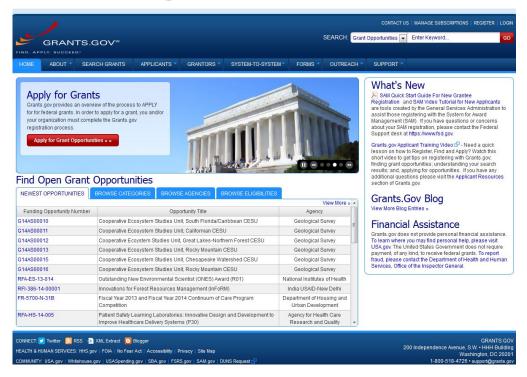


B-WET Chesapeake

- Both NOFOs = 1 to 3 year awards
- Made as "cooperative agreements"
- ► Eligible organizations: institutions of higher education, state and local agencies, non-profits, and K-12 school districts
- Annual funds:
 - School District NOFO: Up to \$100,000 annually
 - Regional NOFO: Up to \$250,000 annually



Finding Federal Grants: Grants.gov



School District NOFO #: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2023-2007599 State Capacity NOFO #: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2023-2007600 ".grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290680 HOME LEARN GRANTS SEARCH GRANTS APPLICANTS * **GRANTORS** SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM FORMS * OUTREACH * SUPPORT GRANTS.GOV) View Opportunity VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY « Back | Link NOAA-NMFS-NCBO-2017-2005142 Fiscal Year 2017 Chesapeake Bay-Watershed Education and Training Program Department of Commerce SYNOPSIS Print Synopsis Details If you would like to receive email notifications of changes to this grant opportunity click send me change notification emails. You only need to provide your email address. General Information Document Type: Grants Notice Version: Synopsis 1 Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NMFS-NCBO-2017-2005142 Posted Date: Dec 13, 2016 Funding Opportunity Title: Fiscal Year 2017 Chesapeake Bay-Watershed Last Updated Date: Dec 13, 2016 Education and Training Program Original Closing Date for Applications: Feb 16, 2017 Opportunity Category: Discretionary Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 16, 2017 Opportunity Category Explanation: Archive Date: Mar 18, 2017 Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000 Category of Funding Activity: Environment Award Ceiling: \$150,000 Natural Resources Science and Technology and other Research and Award Floor: \$1 Development Category Explanation: Expected Number of Awards: 12 CFDA Number(s): 11.457 -- Chesapeake Bay Studies Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No Eligibility Eligible Applicants: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible applicants are K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, community-based and nonprofit organizations,



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Program Objectives
- Program Priorities
- Award Information
- Eligibility
- Application and Submission Information
- Application Review Information



New Grantee Registration

- New applicants must register with System for Award Management (SAM)
- Please give yourself plenty of time before your grant application submission deadline
- Allow up to 7-10 business days after you submit before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for grants.gov to recognize your information

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html



Federal Forms: SF 424

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424								
16. Congressional Districts Of:								
* a. Applicant 01	* b. Program/Project 01							
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.								
	Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment							
17. Proposed Project:								
* a. Start Date: 10/01/2015	* b. End Date: 09/30/2018							
18. Estimated Funding (\$):								
* a. Federal 375,000.00								
* b. Applicant 100,000.00								
* c. State								
* d. Local								
* e. Other								
* f. Program Income								
* g. TOTAL 475,000.00								
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?								
a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on								
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.								
C. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.								
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)								



Proposal Format

- Described right in the NOFO
- Review page limits (appx: 10 page limit)
- Do not include long documents with extra information



Project Description

- What
- Who / Why
- ► How
- ► 10 pages or less



Sustainability

- Discuss a plan for sustainability of project beyond NOAA funding
- ► How could project elements continue without NOAA funding?
 - School division support
 - Private donors
 - In-kind support
 - School ground utilization



Project Evaluation

- Explain your plans for meeting the goals and objectives of your project and for tracking measuring progress on your outputs and your short-term outcomes. Also consider how you will use that data to adapt over the course of your award.
- Plans may be quantitative and/or qualitative and may include, for example, evaluation tools, observation, or outside consultation
- No more than 10% of the budget can be spent on the evaluation component of your proposal



National B-WET Evaluation

- Grantees may be asked to participate in data collection for the national B-WET evaluation
- Primary purpose: to meet program improvement goals by providing B-WET with data for inform its grant funding strategies
- A secondary evaluation purpose is to provide B-WET with information to help meet program accountability needs, given B-WET must provide evidence of program benefits
- Evaluation is conducted via online surveys to grantees (and teachers, if appropriate)



Budget: Cost Categories

- Categories can help you think through actual costs
 - If you cannot break the request down into this level of detail, you probably need to think more about the project!
- Common Cost Categories include:
 - Personnel: salary for staff directly involved in project. Include # of hours or % of time
 - Fringe: benefits for staff requested in personnel category.
 Usually % of personnel
 - ▶ Travel: mileage, overnight accomodations, etc.
 - ▶ **Equipment**: typically any item priced over \$5K
 - Supplies: all other "equipment" and supplies
 - Contractual: any contracted services (ex. Outside evaluator)
 - Indirect: phones, facilities, internet, etc.



Indirect Costs

You must have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate
 Agreement (NICRA) in place

OR

 Acknowledgement letter from cognizant agency in which the recipient submitted a proposal rate

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

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b. Fringe Benefits		8,000.00	2,500.00			10,500.00		
c. Travel			4,000.00			4,000.00		
d. Equipment		10,000.00				10,000.00		
e. Supplies			6,000.00			6,000.00		
f. Contractual		6,000.00	3,500.00			9,500.00		
g. Construction						0.00		
h. Other						0.00		
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		54,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00		
j. Indirect Charges		6,500.00				6,500.00		
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7. Program Income		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.00		

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Standard Form 424A (Rev. 7-97) Prescribed by OMB Circular A-102

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Keg Staff (list by individual - include resume in Remember to include cost of living increases. Explain how each person will contribute to the implementation of this award. Support Staff (Educators, Assistants, Etc.)													
Include information such as: # of employees, # of hours per week/month/year per employee, etc.													
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Travel Indirectly Related to Program Include information on travel requested to present on												-	
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Note: Most "equipment" for B-WET grants should actually be included as "supplies". For any item(s) of equipment where the individual cost exceeds \$5,000, a description of the item and associated costs is required. 2 CFR 230 (A-122) requires													
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Timeline

Include a project schedule that includes when each action, event, milestone, product development, and evaluation will occur.

OBJECTIVES	MILESTONES	STRATEGIES	ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE		
Objective 1 By August 15, 2010, meet with at least three LEA supervisors to complete needs assessment & project planning.		Individual meetings	Meet with nine Eastern Shore Environmental Science Coordinators for strategic planning needs assessment for each LEA, PD and potential partnerships	July- August, 2010		
Objective 2	By fall, 2010, train 30 teachers from 9 LEAS. By fall, 2011, train 30 additional teachers from 9 LEAS. By fall, 2012 train 30 additional teachers from 9 LEAS.	Summer workshops MAEOE Conference Attendance In-service Day Workshops as determined by LEA	Environmental Science Content Issues-based Instruction GIS	July -August, 2010 – 12 June, 2013		



Resumes & Partnership Letter

Experience

- Describe ability of organization to successfully implement and manage proposed project
- Include description of qualifications of key personnel.
 Resumes can be included.

Partnerships

- Include commitment letters from partners detailing the role in and/or funding of project
- Do NOT include letters of endorsement from previous participants except letters demonstrating school/school division support



Data Management and Prior NOAA Funding

- If environmental data (observations) are collected as a funded part of this project, applicants will need to describe this data, how it will be used, and how it will be shared with the general public
- ► If a PI or co-PI has received support from NOAA in the past 5 years please tell us about it.

WRAP UP



Important Dates

- Applications due: February 10, 2023
- Applications reviewed: April
- Applicants notified: Late April / Early May
- Negotiations conducted: May
- Awards processed by NOAA Grants Management Division - July/August
- Projects begin: July 1** 2023 or later

^{**}note that funds will likely not be in place by this date



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