2020 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

The Rockfall Foundation

September 10, 2019 Information Session
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- Changes for 2020
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The Rockfall Foundation

Mission
Promote and support environmental education and conservation in the Lower Connecticut River Valley.

History
- Founded in 1935 by Middletown philanthropist and conservationist Clarence S. Wadsworth
- One of CT’s oldest 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations
- Owns and manages 18th century deKoven House Community Center
The Rockfall Foundation

Support
- 2 person staff team
- Board of Directors (8 members)
- Grants Committee (6 members)

Programs
- Meet Your Greens
- All Things Green
- Film Series
- Repair Cafes

- Symposia
- Environmental Grants
- Scholarship
- Environmental Champion Awards
Environmental Grants Program

- Established 1972
- Over $530,000 awarded to date
- 10 awardees each in 2018 & 2019 with 22 and 14 applicants, respectively
- Grants ranged $800 to $5,300 in 2018 & 2019
## 2019 Grantees

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<th>Organization</th>
<th>Title of Grant</th>
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<td>Coginchaug Area Transition (CAT) Garden Working Group</td>
<td>Giving Garden of Durham-Middlefield</td>
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<td>Connecticut Audubon Society, Inc. (CAS)</td>
<td>Science in Nature Education Program for Chester and Deep River Elementary Schools</td>
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<td>Connecticut Forest &amp; Park Association (CFPA)</td>
<td>Highlawn Forest Vernal Pool Education Boardwalk</td>
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<td>Indian Hill Cemetery Association</td>
<td>A Celebration of the Trees of Indian Hill Cemetery</td>
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<td>Macdonough Elementary School</td>
<td>Macdonough Gets Into Nature</td>
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<td>MxCC Foundation</td>
<td>Organic Garden Student Internship</td>
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<td>Mystic Aquarium</td>
<td>Amphibian Conservation through Community Stewardship</td>
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<td>The North End Action Team, Inc. (NEAT)</td>
<td>Ferry Street Community Garden Initiative</td>
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<td>Town of Westbrook</td>
<td>Sustainable Practices Education and Demonstration in a Parking Lot Project</td>
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<td>Valley Shore YMCA</td>
<td>Farm to Table Camp</td>
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Changes for 2020

1. Consolidated internship priority area into environmental education
2. New one-time grant Fostering Future Environmental Stewards (FFES)
# Annual Grant vs. FFES

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<th>Annual Environmental Grant</th>
<th>Fostering Future Environmental Stewards</th>
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<td><strong>Who</strong></td>
<td>Non-profits, municipalities, schools</td>
<td>Schools only, grades PreK to 8</td>
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<td><strong>Priority Areas</strong></td>
<td>Environmental Planning; CT River Watershed preservation; Environmental Education (all ages)</td>
<td>Continuous environmental education</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Period</strong></td>
<td>1 year maximum</td>
<td>2 or 3 years</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Amounts</strong></td>
<td>Typically $500 - $15,000</td>
<td>Up to $6,000</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Pool</strong></td>
<td>$30,000</td>
<td>$18,000</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Match</strong></td>
<td>Match required</td>
<td>None required</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting</strong></td>
<td>Final Report + Photos</td>
<td>Annual Interim Report(s), Final Report, Photos</td>
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2020 Grant Process (all grants)

- **Nov 7**: Applications due at noon
- **Dec - Jan**: Grants Committee reviews & interviews
- **mid-Feb**: Grant awardees notified; contracts
- **April 1**: Funds available
Eligibility
(all grants)

Organizations or projects must be based in one of these towns.

Connecticut River corridor or Long Island Sound projects must impact one of these towns.
Not Funded (all grants)

1) Food
2) Operating costs (insurance, rent, etc.)
3) Regular salaries, unless substantial benefit
4) Volunteer hours cannot count towards match
Requirements & Contract (all grants)

1) In compliance with any prior grant agreement
2) Exhibit at Rockfall’s Annual Meeting
3) Site visit
4) Publicity & Photos
5) Funds must be applied as described in application
6) Final report
Annual Environmental Grant
Annual Grant Awards

- $500 to $15,000
- Interviews for applications over $5,000
- Only one grant over $10,000 may be awarded
Annual Grant Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits, towns, or schools
- Project must demonstrate one of the following:
  1) Environmental education
  2) Responsible environmental planning
  3) Preservation of the Connecticut River watershed
Annual Grant Requirements & Contract

1) Experienced supervision
2) Max 12 month project period
3) Begins no later than July 1, 2020 (may include a planning phase); ends by July 1, 2021
4) Cash, in-kind, or professional services match
   - 25% match for grants up to $3,000
   - 50% match for grants over $3,000
Annual Grant
Required Documents

Checklist of Required Attachments:

- [ ] List of Board of Directors, including names and professional affiliations
- [ ] One-page summary of the Organization’s current budget
- [ ] 990 Filing (first two pages)
  or
  Copy of the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for the most recently completed year as approved by Organization’s Board

For Co-Applicants:

- [ ] One-page summary of the Co-Applicant’s current budget
- [ ] 990 Filing (first two pages)
  or
  Copy of the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for the most recently completed year as approved by Co-Applicant’s Board
- [ ] A letter of agreement from the host entity, stating that they agree to be equally responsible for compliance with all grant requirements.
Annual Grant
Competitive Ranking

1) Likelihood of reaching fruition and target audience
2) Clear educational value
3) Broader application beyond immediate reach
4) Likelihood of future continuation without additional Rockfall funding
5) Clear and reasonable budget; clear source and substantiation of matching funds
FFES Criteria

- One-time offering
- Covers a 2 or 3 year program
- Any grade from Pre-K to 8th grade
- Up to $6,000 per school
- Payout and reporting by year
- Can apply for FFES and an annual grant but only receive one
"The goals of the grant are to support continuous environmental literacy for children and youth that offer nature discovery and real-world, hands-on, place-based learning. These learning opportunities should give students enjoyment of the natural world as well as an introduction to the environmental challenges in their communities and the importance of protecting the environment. The content of the educational program is at the discretion of the school but must be in keeping these goals."
FFES Competitive Ranking

1) Likelihood of achieving goals
2) Clear and reasonable budget
3) Environmental literacy
4) Learning in nature
5) Hands-on learning
6) Messaging importance of conservation/preservation
7) Preparedness to address challenges in community
How to apply

All Grants
Applications for the 2020 Annual Environmental Grants are now being accepted. Deadline is November 7, 2019 at noon. Please read all information below before applying. New this year, certain schools may also apply for the separate, multi-year Fostering Future Environmental Stewards Grant.

Continuing the philanthropic tradition of our founder Colonel Clarence S. Wadsworth, The Rockfall Foundation invites non-profit organizations, municipalities, and schools to apply for grants through our Community Environmental Grant Program. The goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the...
www.rockfallfoundation.org/grants/ffes

The Rockfall Foundation is offering a new grant program for 2020. The Fostering Future Environmental Stewards Grant (FFES) is a multi-year grant for environmental education programs in preschool through 3rd grade in Greater New Haven. The educational programs must be aligned and focused on the local environment and ecosystem. The grant program is intended to support the development of future environmental stewards and will focus on emerging mentors for the next generation. The FFES grant is designed for long-term success and sustainability, providing ongoing support for the programs over the next three years. The grant program is open to non-profit organizations and educational institutions with a demonstrated commitment to environmental education. For more information or to apply, please visit the Rockfall Foundation website at www.rockfallfoundation.org/grants/ffes.
Application Tech Tips

- Download to your computer
- Open Adobe Acrobat > open file
  (Adobe Acrobat Reader is free to download)
- Form does not work in Edge or Firefox browsers
- Application must be typed
- No paper submissions will be accepted
Submit now until **November 7th at noon**

To

Grants@rockfallfoundation.org

Early submissions accepted!
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Upcoming Events

- **Sept 12** @4pm: “All Things Green” on www.iCRVRadio.com with guest Alicea Charamut, Rivers Alliance of CT

- **Sept 19** @ 5:30-7:30pm: “Meet Your Greens” networking and tour of Forest City Farms

- **Sept 21** @ 12 – 3:00pm: Repair Café at deKoven House

- **Oct 3** @ 6pm: Annual Meeting, Grants and Awards Celebration at deKoven House

- **Oct 7** @ 7pm: The Elements – An Annual Environmental Film Series presents “The Human Element” at Wesleyan

- **Oct 17** @ 5:30-7:30pm: “Meet Your Greens” with Master Beekeeper Bill Hesbach at Vero Cucino Rustico

More at:

[www.rockfallfoundation.org/events/](http://www.rockfallfoundation.org/events/)

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