



2020



ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

The Rockfall Foundation

September 10, 2019 Information Session

Agenda

- About The Rockfall Foundation
- Grant history
- Changes for 2020
- Grant comparison
- Process & Requirements
- Annual Grant
- Fostering Future Environmental Stewards Grant
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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 & 19

2019 Grantees



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



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



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

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



Fostering Future Environmental Stewards Grant

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 annual grant but only receive one

FFES Criteria



“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



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Annual Environmental Grants

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Past Grant Recipients

Environmental 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 Annual Environmental Grant Program. The goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the

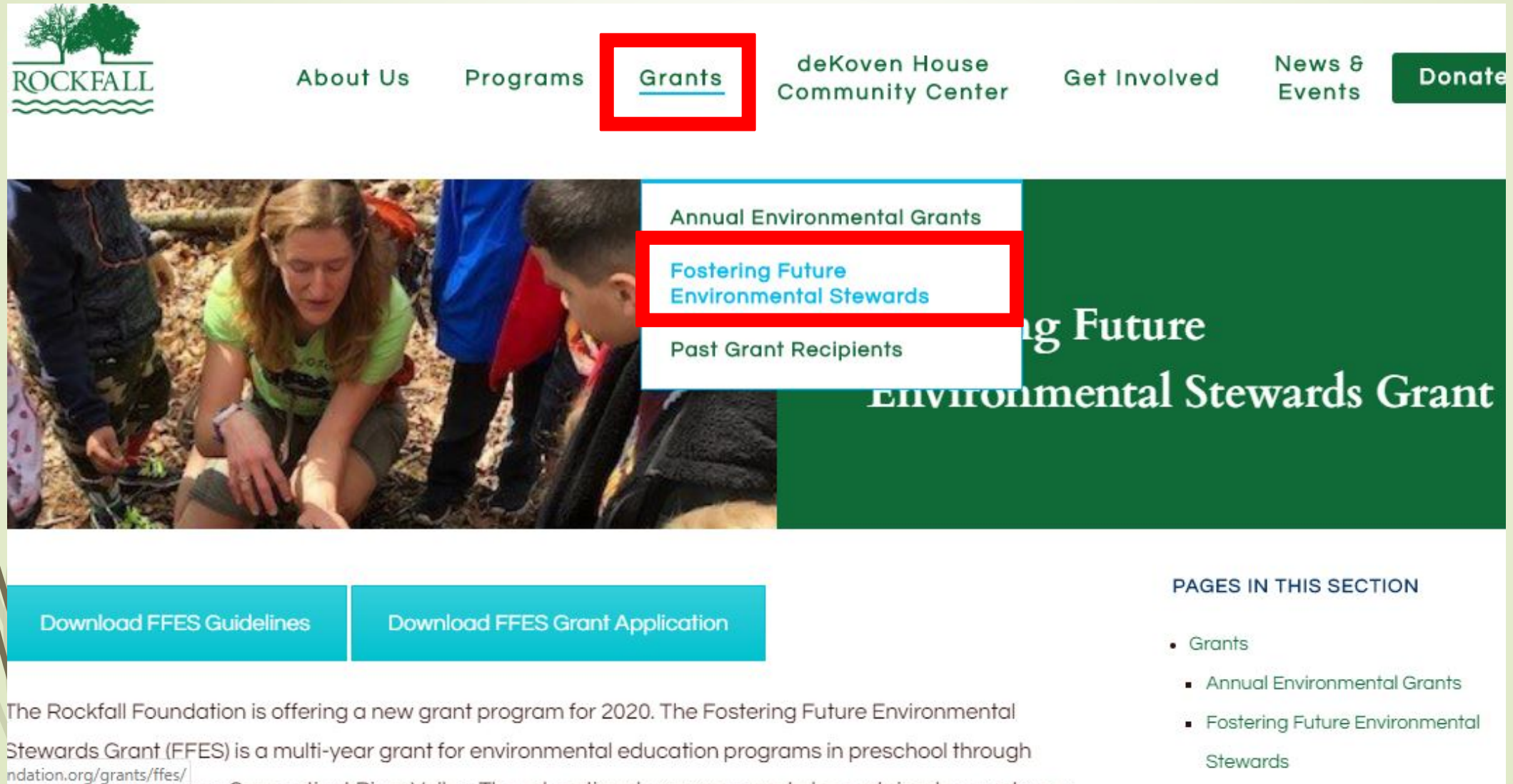
GRANTS RESOURCES

APPLY FOR A GRANT
(pdf)

Grant Guidelines (pdf)

Publicity Guidelines (pdf)

Final Report (pdf)



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Download FFES Guidelines Download FFES Grant Application

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

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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/

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