2021 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

The Rockfall Foundation

September 10, 2020 Information Session
Agenda

- About The Rockfall Foundation
- Grant history
- Eligibility
- Changes for 2021
- Requirements and Ranking
- How and when to apply
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 (5 members)

Programs
- Scholarship
- Environmental Champion Awards
- Meet Your Greens
- Symposia
- Film Series
- Repair Cafes
- Hikes & Clean-ups
Grant Program History

- Established 1972
- Over $580,000 awarded to date
- 10 awardees each in 2018 – 2020 ranging $800 to $5,300
Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits, towns, schools and religious institutions
  - host applicant option
- Based in or benefits one of 17 towns in Lower CT River Valley
- In compliance with any prior grant
- Priority areas:
  1) **Preservation** of ecosystems, species, natural heritage
  2) **Restoration** of ecosystems
  3) **Conservation** of natural resources
  4) **Education** on environmental and sustainability issues
Eligibility

Project work or organization must be based in one of these towns.

Projects focused on the Connecticut River or Long Island Sound must have demonstrated impact to at least one of these towns.
## Changes for 2021

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<th><strong>Priority Areas</strong></th>
<th>Broader; eliminated specific focus on planning and watershed</th>
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<td><strong>Pool</strong></td>
<td>$25,000</td>
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<td><strong>Modalities</strong></td>
<td>Hands-on and virtual</td>
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<td><strong>Items Funded</strong></td>
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# Grant Requirements

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<td><strong>Grant Period</strong></td>
<td>1 year maximum, beginning by 7/1/21</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Amounts</strong></td>
<td>Up to $15,000</td>
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<td><strong>Match</strong></td>
<td>In-kind items, professional services, cash (no volunteer hours)</td>
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<td><strong>Contract Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Publicity, site visit, application of funds</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting</strong></td>
<td>Final Report + Photos + Annual Meeting</td>
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Competitive Ranking

- Clear benefit to a priority area
- Likelihood of reaching fruition
- Implications beyond the immediate purview
- Likelihood of future continuation without additional Rockfall funding
- Clear and reasonable budget

- Innovation
- Youth leadership
- Environmental justice
How to apply
Applications for 2021 Annual Environmental Grants are now being accepted. An information session will be held on September 10, 2020. Application deadline is November 10, 2020 at noon. Full details below.

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 competitive Annual Environmental Grant Program. The goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the environment in the Lower Connecticut River Valley and to increase public knowledge of and respect for its

GRANTS RESOURCES

APPLY FOR A GRANT (pdf)

Grant Guidelines (pdf)
Publicity Guidelines (pdf)
Final Report (pdf)
Application Form Tips

- Application must be typed
- No paper submissions will be accepted
- Save file to your computer
- Open with Adobe Acrobat.
  - Right click on file > Open with Adobe Acrobat
  - In Chrome download bar > Open with System Viewer

Any edits made to the application form in your browser can lead to lost work!
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.
2021 Grant Process

- Nov 10: Applications due at noon
- Dec - Jan: Grants Committee reviews & interviews
- Mid-Feb: Grant awardees notified; contracts
- April 1: Funds available
Submit now until **November 10th at noon**

To

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Early submissions accepted!
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An Invitation

2020 Awards & Grants Celebration
October 8th
7pm

RSVP at:
www.rockfallfoundation.org/events/

Sign-up for our email list
at the bottom of our website!