

**Funding Opportunities for Environmental Education &
Integrated Solid Waste Management Programs**
Contact funding agencies for more information

Agency: ODEQ

Grant Title: Environmental Education Grants

For: To encourage teachers and youth leaders to develop effective environmental education programs, environmental projects and/ or strategies,

Purpose: To help the general public to become more aware of actions and activities that will help preserve and protect Oklahoma's environment. Activities include promoting practical information and education about air and water quality, solid and hazardous waste, energy conservation, soil conservation, and flora and fauna.

When: Notice usually appears in October with a December 1 deadline

Expected Awards: Approximately \$14,000 total. Applicants may apply for amounts from \$200 up to \$1,000 per grant.

Next Deadline: December 1, 2011

Extra: You must be an Oklahoma teacher, public or private (Pre K – 12), school environmental club, youth group leader, and/or organization with a youth component to apply for the grant.

More information: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/eegrant10.pdf>

Agency: ODEQ

Grant Title: ACCO Solid Waste Program

For: Oklahoma Counties

Purpose: Financial assistance to do solid waste cleanup and/or to purchase equipment.

When: Funding is based on fiscal year July 1 – June 30 and usually becomes available in mid to late August.

Expected Awards: Annual funding up to \$10,000 for solid waste cleanup; up to \$5,000 per year to support a Trash Cop program; and up to \$20,000 to purchase wood chippers and other solid waste management equipment.

Next Deadline: Letters of application are received year round.

Extra: Must be submitted via your county commissioner.

More information: www.okacco.com/solid_waste/solid_waste_program.pdf

Agency: ODEQ

Grant Title: Recycling Equipment Funding

For: Oklahoma communities, cities, counties, schools and non-profit organizations

Purpose: Financial assistance to purchase recycling equipment.

When: Funding is based on fiscal year July 1 – June 30

Expected Awards: Reimbursement of up 25% and up to \$25,000 of the purchase cost of recycling equipment, such as balers. Up to four collaborating partners may apply together to qualify for 100% reimbursement for a maximum of \$25,000.

Next Deadline: Letters or memos of application are received year round.

Extra: Must be submitted to Fenton Rood, Solid Waste Management Director, Land Protection Division, Oklahoma Dept of Environmental Quality.

More information: Fenton.Rood@deq.ok.gov

Agency: EPA Region 6

Grant Title: Solid Waste Management Assistance Grants

For: To address the national Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC) priorities of increasing recycling of municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, and industrial materials in Region 6 [Region 6 comprises AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX].

When: Notice usually appears in late May with an early July deadline.

Expected Awards: \$50,000 for two awards; \$25,000 award ceiling.

Next Deadline: T.B.D. (not clear yet if this grant will be offered in 2011)

More information, eligibility and application materials:
http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6pd/rcra_c/wastemin/index.htm

Agency: EPA

Grant Title: Environmental Education Grant Funding

For: Environmental education projects and programs.

Purpose: Promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. The grants provide financial support for innovative projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Projects should involve environmental education activities that go beyond disseminating information.

When: Notice usually appears in early March with an early May deadline.

Expected Awards: Twenty grants nationwide ranging from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$100,000.

Next Deadline: May 2, 2011

Extra: EPA hosts conference calls for potential applicants. To see previous Oklahoma Environmental Education grant awards, visit: www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants/ok01.htm

More information, eligibility: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

Agency: Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program and the Southern Rural Development Center

Grant Title: Southern Region Sustainable Community Innovation (SCI) Grants

For: Fund projects that link sustainable agriculture to rural community development. This could include, but is not limited to, developing farmers markets, establishing nutrition classes about the benefits of local foods and facilitating local processing of pastured livestock.

Purpose: SCI grants link farms with the non-farm population in a community for the purpose of economic development.

When: Notice usually appears in late August with an early October deadline.

Expected Awards: The grants have a funding maximum of \$10,000 for up to two years of project activities.

Next Deadline: Probably October 1, 2011

More information: <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/callpage.htm>

Agency: Coca Cola Co. and Keep America Beautiful

Grant Title: The Coca-Cola/KAB Recycling Bin Grant Program

For: Provides recycling bins and consultations for government agencies, civic organizations, schools and nonprofit groups.

Purpose: The great demand for recycling bins in public spaces reflects a growing interest in, and need for, expanded recycling access away from home.

When: Notice usually appears in February with a March deadline.

Expected Awards: Recycling bins.

Next Deadline: There are no further grants scheduled for 2011. If you would like to be added to a notification list for future grants, email kkiernan@kab.org.

More information: <http://bingrant.org>

Agency: Walmart Foundation State Giving Program

Grant Title: State Giving Program funds

For: One of the categories includes Environmental Sustainability.

Purpose: To promote production systems that sustain people and the environment by reducing waste, promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources. Examples include waste reduction programs, retrofitting of social service infrastructure, and sustainable agriculture initiatives.

When: Applications may be submitted February 1, 2011 through April 22, 2011.

Expected Awards: \$25,000 and up.

Next Deadline: April 22, 2011

More information: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx>

Agency: Home Depot Foundation

Grant Title: Sustainable Community Development Awards

For: To identify, recognize and showcase the outstanding and innovative work of public-private partnerships that work to create sustainable, affordable housing that includes landscaping for green spaces and trees.

Purpose: The program seeks to recognize sustainable projects that take a holistic, integrated approach, whereby sustainability planning, affordable housing, and the creation of green spaces and planting of trees are inextricably linked.

Expected Awards: up to \$75,000

Next Deadline: Check back at the end of March for the 2011 grant cycle schedule.

Extra: The awards are presented to both the cities and their nonprofit partners representing the partnership that completed the local initiative.

More information: www.homedepotfoundation.org/aoe_community.html

Agency: EPA

Grant Title: Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program

For: CARE is a community-based program that works with county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources, including those found in water.

Purpose: Level I awards range will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities. Level II awards will support communities that have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk-reduction activities and become self-sustaining.

When: Notice usually appears in early January with a March deadline

Expected Awards: \$2 million in 2010 (Level I awards range from \$75,000 to \$100,000; Level II awards range from \$150,000 to \$300,000)

Next Deadline: Probably March, 2012.

Extra: EPA usually conducts Webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process for this program.

More information: <http://www.epa.gov/care/>

Agency: National Environmental Education Foundation, Classroom Earth & The Weather Channel

Grant Title: National High School Challenge

For: To offer teachers an opportunity to bring innovative environmental content into their students' coursework and incorporate more environmental education into teaching overall. Classroom Earth also offers Professional Development awards for teachers to take graduate level courses to develop skills to incorporate more environmental education into teaching.

Purpose: To help support innovative projects to incorporate environmental education into all subject areas.

When: Login in and register to receive grant details.

Expected Awards: Up to \$4,000

Next Deadline: T.B.D.

More information: www.classroomearth.org/grants

Agency: Project Learning Tree

Grant Title: GreenWorks! Grant Program

For: *GreenWorks!* is the service-learning, community action program of PLT that partners PLT educators, students, and communities in environmental neighborhood improvement projects. *GreenWorks!* blends service activities with the academic curriculum and addresses real community needs as students "learn by doing."

Purpose: *GreenWorks!* action projects make a difference in young people's sense of responsibility toward their communities, and in their understanding of their relationship to the environment. Some examples of past grant projects include habitat restoration, watershed improvement, outdoor classrooms, and energy conservation.

When: 2011 *GreenWorks!* Grants T.B.D.

Expected Awards: \$250 to \$1,000 funding category and \$1,001 to \$5,000 funding category.

Next Deadline: T.B.D.

Extra: PLT provides a helpful guidebook with practical ideas and pointers for getting a *GreenWorks!* project off and running: www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_20.html

More information: www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_18.html

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