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Information for applicants about  
**Catskill Watershed Corporation**  
**Special Watershed Education Program Fund**

The purpose of the Special Watershed Education Program Fund is to support programs and projects that increase awareness of the human and natural history of the Catskill-Delaware (also referred to as the West-of-Hudson or WOH) Watershed, and the New York City Water Supply System. **To be considered for funding, all proposals must show relevance to the WOH Watershed.**

This program is provided in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). For further information: [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org); Programs/Education.

**Who may apply:**

Public libraries, museums, pre-schools, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, high schools, academies, colleges and universities, professional and technical schools, vocational and trade schools, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) extension courses and all educational institutions under the supervision of the Regents of the State of New York or other educational facilities supported in whole or in part by public funds or by contributions solicited from the general public; private educational institutions including pre-schools, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, high schools, academies, colleges and universities, professional and technical schools, vocational and trade schools; Federal or State non-profit corporations with educational programs; municipal entities with educational programs or facilities.

**Eligible projects/audiences:**

- Request is for emergency which cannot be accommodated under annual grant cycle (eg: repair or replacement of a trout tank, nature trail, damaged kiosk, etc.). *Note: the approval process takes 3 months to complete. Not knowing about the CWC regular Education Grants program, or missing the grant application deadline for a potentially fundable project targeted to a K-12 audience, are not grounds for submitting a Special Program request.*
- Program or project is for general or adult audience. This may include cultural presentation, training workshop, outdoor activity, environmental stewardship or sustainability project, or other offerings in keeping with the goals of the Public Education Program.

**Minimum/Maximum Request:**

No stipulated minimum request: \$10,000 maximum request.

**Submissions Procedure:**

- **Applicants are advised to discuss proposed project or program with CWC Education Coordinator prior to submission to determine eligibility.**
- Applications may be submitted at any time during the calendar year. Awards will be made as long as funds remain in the Special Program Fund.
- Successful applicants may not apply to this program again for two years.

Evaluation of proposals:

Requests are evaluated by the Public Education Advisory Group (PEAG), which recommends for or against funding. PEAG recommendations are reviewed by CWC Education Committee. Positive recommendations must receive approval of CWC Board of Directors and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Contract and Final Report

Recipient organization must enter into a 12-month contract with CWC. A Final Report, including documentation of expenditures and an evaluation of impact of the program/project on the audience will be required at the conclusion of the 12-month period. Failure to submit this report is grounds for denial of future requests.

