



Drop-by-Drop: You Make A Difference! Stormwater Education Grants

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer (OCE) announces a program to award grants to public and private educators in an effort to promote stormwater and water resource education at schools serving students who reside in unincorporated Marion County. The proposed education effort may include various water resource topics: stormwater management, stormwater pollution prevention, nonpoint source pollution, water resource/aquifer/springs protection, or karst topography. There are two (2) types of grants, one for "Consumables" and the other for "Equipment."

Teachers or school administrators are asked to please fill out the enclosed grant application and submit the completed form to:

**Marion County Office of the County Engineer
Stormwater Management Section
412 S.E. 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471**

a. Consumable grant - Grants of up to **\$750** each may be awarded for efforts to promote water resource education. These may include:

- Transportation costs and/or admission fees for field trip to an educational site for topic-related classes or events for students and/or educators.
- Registration to attend a topic-related conference or workshop to gain knowledge or share with other educators.
- Promotion and execution of a school-wide topic-related awareness event.
- Topic-related books, posters, puppets, videos, various printed materials, etc.

b. Equipment grant - Grants of up to **\$1,000** each may be awarded for equipment related to water resource projects. Water resource equipment may include:

- Water quality monitoring supplies – nets, meters, waders, test kits, etc.
- Education models, such as an Enviroscape, depicting aquifer function, wetland function, river & stream function, etc.
- Computer software

c. Itemized budgets attached to applications are needed for grant approval.

d. Eligibility – Schools located in Marion County serving students who reside in unincorporated Marion County. Extended Day Programs may be considered eligible. A maximum of eight (8) grants may be given to any one school. Individual teachers may apply for only one (1) consumable and one (1) equipment grant, for a potential maximum of two grants per individual teacher. Teachers may apply jointly in order to reach as many students as possible.

e. Responsibilities – Teachers are responsible for keeping **all** paperwork as proof of purchases and expenditure of funds in accordance with the grant. Prices for field trip admissions or bus charters/school buses must be clearly stated in the grant application. Substitutions or project scope changes made after awards have been granted will be considered by written request. Awarded schools must sign an agreement with Marion County upon acceptance of grant(s).

f. Application Submittal and Grant Awarding- Grant applications may be submitted at any time through Friday, April 7, 2017. Applications are reviewed and awarded on an ongoing basis. Grants are available as first-come, first-served until program funds are expended therefore, you are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible. Applications may be submitted by email or post to the addresses shown at the bottom of the application form. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

g. Important Information:

- **Last Day to Submit Applications** **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, 2017**
- Deadline to expend all funds Friday, May 26, 2017
- Deadline to complete all projects & turn in paperwork Friday, June 9, 2017
- Don't forget to include an itemized budget.

For any questions or more information about these grants and deadlines for application, email Stormwater@marioncountyfl.org or call 352-671-8686.



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FY 2016-2017 Stormwater Education Grant Application

General Instructions: Grant funding awarded to public schools will be coordinated with the Marion County School Board for reimbursement. Reimbursement arrangements will be made with private school winners. Remember to include costs of shipping & handling and discounts received as an educator. Each teacher may submit up to one (1) equipment and one (1) consumable grant application. Please write the teacher's name on every page of the submitted application and attach any supporting materials.

1. Teacher Name (print clearly): _____ School: _____
2. Phone#: Day _____ Night _____ Email _____
3. Address: _____ Grade Level: _____ # of students _____
4. Please **choose one (consumable and equipment applications must be on separate forms):**
Consumable Grant (up to \$750) _____ Equipment Grant (up to \$1,000) _____
5. Project Name: _____
6. Project Description (Briefly explain how this project will promote education, awareness and/or protection of the County's water resources.):
7. How will this field trip, project or purchased items be integrated into the curriculum?
8. If field trips are requested, please discuss any pre- and post-assessments or other planned strategies to measure the educational effectiveness of this trip.
9. **A concise and clearly itemized budget must be attached.** Provide detailed information and costs of the project. Photocopied catalog pages or website screen shots and order forms must be included, if applicable. You may also attach additional pages, pictures, and/or diagrams to support this grant request.
10. Total Amount Requested: _____
11. Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____
12. School principal signature: _____ Date: _____

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Send to:

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