



September 15, 2016

RE: Request For Proposals

NLC's Karen K. Borchert Educational Grants: *Funding For Science and Environmental Awareness Projects*

Dear Colleague:

The Nantucket Land Council is pleased to announce its twenty-third year of financial assistance to Nantucket students and teachers in grades K-12 to conduct science and environmental projects. Our goal is to encourage students' understanding of their local environment through direct involvement in project-related activities. The intention of this program is to help teachers enhance their curriculum with alternative learning tools (materials or activities).

Awards will be made based on the following criteria:

- *Project's ability to enhance students' science/environmental learning process*
- *Project's direct connection to students' curriculum*
- *Sustainability of grant (Will it benefit students for years to come?)*
- *Budget documentation (Are costs well-substantiated; are equipment purchases defined, etc.?)*
- *Track record of grantee (History of grants received; previous project outcomes; reporting performance, etc.)*

Project proposals may be submitted by an individual or team of teachers. High school students, in cooperation with a teacher-mentor who will supervise the project, may also submit proposals.

Fall grant proposals should be submitted to Emily Molden at the Nantucket Land Council office no later than Monday, October 17, 2016. Grant awardees will be notified by Tuesday, November 15, 2016. A second round of grants will be announced in the spring, pending availability of remaining funds. The attached submission form must be completed at a minimum. If there is additional information that you feel is pertinent to your proposal, we encourage you to include it with the form. As space is limited on the form, please feel free to write up your own project proposal that includes answers to all of the questions listed. **Please provide us with complete descriptions or fact sheets for any equipment requested in your proposal. All expenses must be itemized in the application. All grantees will be required to submit a final report documenting project outcomes. All expense receipts will be submitted with the final report.** Additional information on reporting requirements will be distributed when funding is awarded.

Attached is a list of previously awarded grants. If you have questions or would like further information regarding this opportunity, please give me a call or send me an email.

Sincerely,

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