

CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROJECT GRANTS

Application Guidelines Deadline—October 31, 2020



Step 1. Description of Project

Prepare a brief paragraph (3-5 sentences) summarizing your project. **Please note** that qualifying projects will encompass the following: environmental education, environmental stewardship, and hands-on science learning.

Step 2. Project Proposal

These projects should reflect the mission of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (a non-profit friends group working with the Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) which is to promote and enhance environmental education. Once again these funds are to support a project that actively engages students in science learning related to environmental stewardship and/or protection.

Your proposal should address the following questions:

A. Need:

- What are your specific needs for this project? (e.g., books, materials, etc.)
- Why is your project important to environmental education or science learning?

B. Objective:

- What do you plan to accomplish with this project?
Please be as specific as possible (e.g., Students conduct a school-wide waste audit and change school culture by funding new reusable lunch item such as trays, utensils, etc.).
- What are the measurable goals for this project? (e.g., statistics on waste found within school cafeteria, steps taken to reduce waste and negative environmental impact, statistics on funds saved from new reusable items).
- Who will benefit from your project? (e.g., local community, school community, environment etc.)
- How will your project increase awareness of natural resources?

C. Methodology

- Step by step, please describe how you will implement your project. Provide a month to month breakdown of project implementation.

Step 3. Include Attachments with Submission:

- A. Budget break down, cost of each item, quantity, and total cost (e.g., trays, utensils, etc.).
- B. Photocopied catalog sheets (or Internet Website print-out) of items to be purchased.

Step 4. Submit your Proposal by sending it to:

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society
ATTENTION: WENDY KINDIG, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR
1 Wildlife Drive, P.O. Box 565,
Sanibel, FL 33957

OR email to shois@dingdarlingsociety.org by **October 31, 2020.**

Follow-up:

- Projects must be completed by end of school year June 2019. Proper follow-up paperwork/receipts must be completed and sent to the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society by June 12, 2020, inclusive of a summary of your project; photos and/or video of work, etc. A follow-up form is available online.
- Approved projects will be awarded by December 2020.
- Failure to submit the proper follow-up documentation will prevent consideration of future grant requests for 2 years.

Please note: If you are requesting a field trip to “Ding” Darling, or need help planning your project please contact Sara Hallas at (239)472-1100 ext.236 or email at educator@dingdarlingsociety.org, for more information. If you are requesting funding for a different field trip, there has to be a clear project plan that relates environmental education to the school community.