

2016 Environmental Grants

Organization Name	Name of Program	Purpose	Awarded
Preserve and protect environmentally significant land, waterways and wildlife habitats for the benefit of the ecosystem and for the well-being of residents			\$132,084
Clean Up Sounds and Harbors (CUSH)	Water Quality Monitoring Equipment	Funds to support the work of a local water quality monitoring group to improve their outcomes and consistency. Part of the initiative headed by CFE.	\$3,584
Connecticut Fund for the Environment	Hyde Pond Habitat Restoration Project	Year Two of a five-year monitoring/habitat restoration project at the site of the Hyde Pond Dam Removal on Whitford Brook.	\$15,000
Connecticut Fund for the Environment	Long Island Sound Report Card	Collaborative grant with Long Island Sound Funders Group for updating of the report card which monitors the water quality and health of the Sound.	\$7,500
Friends of the Shetucket River Valley	Acquisition of the 125 acre 'Robinson Property'	To assist the Town of Sprague in acquiring the 125 acre 'Robinson Property' for conservation. The property would become part of an existing Preserve and an emerging wildlife and recreational corridor, of nearly 3,000 acres.	\$20,000
Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc.	Proposed Hawthorne Preserve	To partner with the State of CT in the aquisition of Hawthorne Preserve - 82.5 acres of watershed land along Whalebone Creek - thereby expanding an existing trail network, and providing permanent protection of habitat for a variety of plants and animals that require large blocks of forest, or that migrate along the Connecticut River Valley.	\$25,000
Nature Conservancy in Connecticut	Community-based Planning for Nitrogen Pollution Reduction in Eastern Connecticut	To convene Eastern Connecticut coastal community and environmental leaders to share new nitrogen pollution research, solicit feedback and identify priority actions needed to develop a comprehensive approach to protecting and improving ecological conditions of harbors and bays.	\$36,000
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc. (NEFF)	Headwaters of the Niantic River Conservation Project	To partner with the State of CT in the aquisition and protection of an ecologically significant property in East Lyme. The property, consisting of 200 acres of forestland, protects a significant portion of the Niantic River watershed. The lands will be open to the public for passive recreation and will be managed to maintain forest health and a diversity of wildlife habitats.	\$25,000
Engage youth in environmental education and activities in natural settings as they learn to become good stewards of their environment			\$78,211
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut	Enviroscape	For professional development of our educators in the use of Enviroscape® models (three dimensional depictions of water flow through a variety of environments), followed by a series of classes to Pawcatuck sixth and seventh graders, utilizing Enviroscape® models to explore the science of water flow, human impact on the land, and the importance of balancing recreational land use with habitat preservation.	\$13,211
Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS)	Science in Nature: Old Lyme & New London	To establish and implement a science-based environmental program in New London county public schools with the curriculum adapted to the unique environmental aspect of our coastal communities and meet the specific requirements of each school system. Two prototypes in 2 school systems: (a) Lyme/Old Lyme (Region 18) and (b) a New London elementary school.	\$15,000

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Denison Pequotsepos/Coogan Farm Nature & Heritage Center	Nature Explorations for Preschoolers	To provide educational enrichment opportunities to disadvantaged or at-risk children, by partnering with up to 17 preschools and organizations in New London County to bring nature into the classroom and program participants into nature.	\$30,000
New England Science & Sailing Foundation	Responsible Youth-Led Social Change at BDJMS	To encourage students to take action through youth-led social change at the Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School (BDJMS). Students will participate in environmental education through hands-on, STEM-based ocean adventure activities and work as a team to develop projects that address environmental concerns in Long Island Sound to protect and preserve our shorelines.	\$10,000
New London Youth Affairs	Early Childhood Family Center Aquatic Environmental Program	To provide aquatic, environmental programs for children 3 years and younger, and their families/caregivers. The program supports the New London targeted water safety.	\$10,000
Preserve the Environment			\$22,000
Project Oceanology	Project Oceanology	To fund a program analysis, strategic plan development and financial review for Project Oceanology to determine feasibility and help direct the future plans for the program.	\$22,000
Total for 13 Grants			\$232,295