

2017 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			\$ 96,950
Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc	Acquisition of Lamb Farm open space property	The acquisition which adjoins other open space in Ledyard and Groton is a scenic, environmentally sensitive resource.	\$ 28,000
Colchester Land Trust	Bulkely Hill Preserve Public Access	To create a 130-acre community forest with a small parking area, trail head signage, small trail system, an outdoor classroom and demonstration forest to engage local school children, and community members in educational activities.	\$ 12,000
Connecticut Forest & Park Association	S.E. CT Trail Preservation and Improvement Project	To preserve, improve, and relocate sections of the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails in Southeastern CT.	\$ 10,000
Connecticut Fund for the Environment	Mystic River Engagement Project	For Hyde Pond Habitat Restoration Project to expand outreach and empower the local community to become stewards of their watershed through participation in hands-on stream walks, educational clean-ups and native planting events.	\$ 14,950
Mitchell College	Mitchell Woods Pond Protection Project	To complete the Pond Restoration and Protection Project in Mitchell Woods, 26.3 acres of planned woodland in New London and provide Mitchell students with hands-on training of environmental analysis techniques and exposure to current issues threatening local ecosystems.	\$ 22,000
Riverside Park Conservancy, Inc.	Restoring East New London's Native Ecosystem	To continue the remediation of Riverside Park.	\$ 10,000
Engage youth in environmental education and activities in natural settings as they learn to become good stewards of their environment			\$ 210,979
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut	Enviroscape	Funds are requested to supply top quality environmental programming to fifth and sixth grade students at Pawcatuck and Mystic Middle School, partnering with the Mashantucket Pequot Museum.	\$ 15,000
Connecticut Audubon Society	Science in Nature Education Program in New London County	A science-based environmental program to reach an additional 13 classrooms of students at NL's Harbor School.	\$ 12,979
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	Eco Scientists	A series of in-school programs and field trips for middle schools that employ scientific inquiry, sensory observation, and hands-on experience to nurture a fascination with the outdoors.	\$ 15,000
FoodCorps	Collaborating with Communities to Improve Children's Health in Eastern Connecticut	To support the work of 3 service members serving in up to 9 Groton and New London Public Schools to deliver evidence backed, collaborative, and strategic farm-to-school programming and nutrition education to students.	\$ 20,000

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FRESH New London/Third Sector New England	FRESH New London - General Operating	To build leadership in New London youth, create strong pathways for hands-on food education and meet people's basic needs to have access to nutritious foods. Two year grant.	\$ 43,000
New England Science & Sailing Foundation	New London Initiative	High-quality educational programs year-round that blend an innovative curriculum aligned with Next Generation Science Standards with ocean adventure STEM education activities in New London Public Schools.	\$ 40,000
Reforest The Tropics	The Causes and Impacts of Climate Change and Effective Responses	To deliver a climate change education program throughout New London County, train teachers throughout the region to deliver the program in subsequent years, and begin the integration of climate change education in existing school curricula.	\$ 35,000
Sea Research Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Mystic Aquarium	"Sound the Next Gen," a Partnership for Environmental Education & Stewardship	To develop and pilot high-quality curriculum on the Long Island Sound that is designed as 3-dimensional learning to address Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).	\$ 30,000
Capacity Building			\$ 216,915
Connecticut Land Conservation Council	CT Land Trust Advancement Initiative - Phase II: Growing Conservation & Stewardship Capacity and Enhancing Conservation Impact by Building Stronger Land Trusts in the New London County Region	To strengthen land trusts and their individual and collective capacity to save and enhance the region's natural heritage and land and water resources by investing in a program focused on (1) long term stewardship and conservation defense; and (2) strategic conservation planning. Three year grant.	\$ 120,000
Clean Up Sounds and Harbors (CUSH)	Water sampling equipment	In Stonington to increase water monitoring efforts.	\$ 13,915
Nature Conservancy in Connecticut	Protecting the Environment Through a Regional Resilience Vision for New London County	To extend an existing collaborative, regional in scope, multi-year "Regional Resilience Visioning" process with nine municipalities, regional planning groups, state agencies, non-profit organizations, public utilities, land trusts, private businesses, environmental groups, and academic institutions across New London County. Two year grant.	\$ 83,000
Total for 17 Grants			\$ 524,844