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### **Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grants**

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 34 grants worth \$449,419. Projects comprise both statewide and grass roots initiatives. These initiatives use a variety of topics to enable the target audiences to obtain a better understanding of and appreciation for both the built and natural environments. Projects may begin on July 1, 2001 and may run through December 31, 2002.

Recent grant cycles reveal a strong interest in the program. The 88 proposals received this year requested a total of \$1,151,049. To date the Board has received over 1,200 proposals totaling over 13 million dollars. Public and nonpublic educational institutions, all units of government, and corporations (nonprofit, non-stock) are eligible for WEEB grants. Requests cannot exceed \$20,000. Projects must be designed for Wisconsin residents and assist learners in achieving the goals of environmental education.

Initiated in 1990, the WEEB's mission is to "provide leadership in the development of learning opportunities that empower Wisconsin citizens with the knowledge and skills needed to make wise environmental decisions and take responsible actions in their personal lives, work places, and communities."

Board members include State Representatives Neal Kedzie (Elkhorn) and Mark Miller (Monona) as well as State Senators Brian Burke (Milwaukee) and Sheila Harsdorf (River Falls). "Leadership on both sides of the aisle and in both houses of the legislature has been a critical component of our success," said WEEB chairperson Rick Koziel. Koziel is the Director of the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek and is the nature center, museum and zoo representative to the board.

Summary information regarding this years recipients can be found on page two of this release. For a complete list of this years applicants and description of recipients' projects please see our website

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/database/2001applicants.htm> and

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/database/2001recipients.htm>

For more information on the WEEB's environmental education grant program, including current grant opportunities, contact Administrative Liaison Ginny Carlton at (715) 346-3805. The email address is [weeb@uwsp.edu](mailto:weeb@uwsp.edu)

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City	Log #	Organization	Project Title	Fund Amount
Ashland	2001-0022	Ashland-Bayfield-Douglas-Iron Counties Land Conservation Department	The Northern Landscape: Sharing a Common Ground. An Environmental Education Conference for Northern Wisconsin	20,000.00
Beaver Dam	2001-0067	Beaver Dam Unified School District	Beaver Dam Charter School Environmental Curriculum Development/Implementation Project	19,125.00
Brookfield	2001-0072	American Lung Association of Wisconsin	Tools for Schools	10,698.00
Cable	2001-0054	Cable Natural History Museum	A Celebration of Trees	7,611.00
Chippewa Falls	2001-0068	CESA 10	Chippewa Valley Nature Network	10,479.00
Custer	2001-0029	Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)	Taking Renewable Energy to the Kid's (TREK)	10,880.00
East Troy	2001-0050	Michael Fields Agricultural Institute	Linking the Natural World and Sustainable Agriculture: A 2 Year Project to develop a curriculum & practicum in agro-ecology to strengthen environmental education	17,637.00
Eau Claire	2001-0008	Girl Scouts of Indian Water Council, Inc.	A Walk Through Ecology	8,356.00
Freedom	2001-0065	Freedom Area School District	Freedom Karner Blue Butterfly Project	14,000.00
Hurley	2001-0020	Hurley School District	Fins, Furs, and Feathers	2,457.00
Juneau	2001-0015	Dodgeland School District	Environmental Education Curriculum to Support an Outdoor Classroom	15,959.00
Madison	2001-0006	Department of Natural Resources	Linking WI State Parks Environmental Education with the Wisconsin Academic Standards	12,797.00
Madison	2001-0028	Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin	Fostering a Sense of Wonder: The Project Learning Tree Early Childhood Program	13,870.00
Madison	2001-0040	Friends of Wisconsin State Parks	Expanding the Parks Packs Program to Include Great Lakes Park Packs	11,180.00
Madison	2001-0059	Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System: UW-Madison: WisTEB program: Department of Genetics	Fish and Environmental Health: A Look at Aquatic Resources	4,468.00
Milwaukee	2001-0018	Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful	A Coalition for Waste Reduction Education	15,436.00
Milwaukee	2001-0061	Urban Ecology Center, Inc.	The Water Partners' "Just Add Water" Curriculum and Wisconsin Beach Sweep	16,099.00
Milwaukee	2001-0063	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee	Environmental Youth Leadership Program (EYLP)	19,110.00
Milwaukee	2001-0083	River Revitalization Foundation, Inc.	Milwaukee River Basin Conference	5,003.00
Monona	2001-0001	Aldo Leopold Nature Center	Replicating Nature Net: Building regional networks of grassroots collaboration to improve environmental education throughout Wisconsin	20,000.00
Oakfield	2001-0036	School District of Oakfield	Belle Reynolds Woodland Project	20,000.00
Ontario	2001-0038	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Wildcat Mountain State Park	Teaching Sustainable Forestry and Biodiversity to Elementary Students	9,931.00
Osseo	2001-0019	Osseo-Fairchild High School	The Osseo-Fairchild School Forest: An Outdoor Learning Site	16,485.00
Racine	2001-0088	Sustainable Racine	Beyond Greenspace: An Educational Program on Watershed Based Development	9,006.00
Rhineland	2001-0069	FISTA	Jobs in the Forest	19,344.00

Stevens Point	2001-0004	Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education and UWSP School of Education	Teacher Educators Networking for Energy & Environmental Education	19,950.00
Stevens Point	2001-0023	UWSP: College of Natural Resources	Environmental Education Outreach to Southeast Asian	5,441.00
Stevens Point	2001-0024	Golden Sands RC&D	A Pilot Program to Improve Forestry Environmental Education in Central Wisconsin	20,000.00
Stoughton	2001-0017	Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) Foundation, Inc.	Student & Teacher Forestry Education	19,340.00
Waupun	2001-0079	School District of Waupun	Waupun Dearholt Woodland Outdoor Laboratory	17,486.00
Wausau	2001-0052	Wausau Area Community Foundation	Wausau Area Catholic Schools EE Curriculum Initiative	3,500.00
Wautoma	2001-0021	Wautoma School District	Building Project-Based Environmental Education Across the Curriculum	20,000.00
Wisconsin Rapids	2001-0055	Wisconsin Rapids School District: Grant Elementary	Grant School Forest Curriculum Project	13,771.00

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