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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grants to Five Milwaukee Area Institutions

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 49 grants worth \$451,969. 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, 2003 and may run through December 31, 2004.

Recent grant cycles reveal a strong interest in the program. The 104 proposals received this year requested a total of \$1,071,421. Public and nonpublic educational institutions, all units of government, and corporations (nonprofit, non-stock) are eligible for WEEB grants. Requests for forestry and energy projects cannot exceed \$20,000. Requests for other topic areas cannot exceed \$5,000. 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."

Summary information regarding 2003-2004 Milwaukee area recipients can be found below. For a complete list of this year's applicants and description of recipients' projects please see our website <http://cps.uwsp.edu/weeb/Grants.aspx>

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

Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation

A \$5,000 grant to the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation to conduct a needs assessment in order to plan future environmental education programming for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information contact David Engelson at (608) 837-8176.

Milwaukee Public School District: Townsend Street School

The Townsend Street School will receive a \$1,000 grant for a "Creating a School Garden" project. Seventh and eighth grade students will plan, develop and maintain the garden as well as teach younger children gardening concepts. For more information contact Ken Wald at (414) 874-5900.

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Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Inc.

The Neighborhood House will use a \$19,7999 grant to create an energy demonstration site. The site will include solar panels and a small wind generator, storage batteries, measurement tools and teaching materials. The goal is to enhance people's knowledge of energy production and consumption and to encourage them to be energy stewards for the future. For more information contact Bradley Blaeser at (414) 933-6161.

TransCenter for Youth, Inc.

A \$13,140 grant will enable El Puente High School Students to participate in an "Environmental Leadership Corps" project. Students will participate in energy education programs including fieldtrips to: America's first solar village, Soldier's Grove, the WAEE High School Environmental Action Conference at UW-Stevens Point, WE Energies wind turbines in Byron, the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair in Custer, and the nuclear power plant at Point Beach. Students will also collaborate with Milwaukee Urban Gardens and Hope House to develop a community garden that demonstrates wise energy use through xeriscaping and purchasing recycled and renewable energy products. For more information contact Joella Lynn Zocher at (414) 672-1237.

UW-Milwaukee

The School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UW-Milwaukee will receive a \$20,000 grant for a project entitled, "Seeing Heat Flow: Integrating Infrared Imaging Technology into Architectural Education." This grant will allow staff to purchase an infrared camera and associated equipment, to develop course materials, assignments and protocols, and to introduce this equipment initially into two advanced architectural technology courses. Students will use the equipment to do case study research of existing residential structures, making recommendations to the building's owners in relation to both energy efficiency and indoor air quality. For more information contact James Wasley at (414) 229-4045.

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