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Focus on Energy Education Grant Program Eliminated

Due to budget cuts, the Department of Administration will not be able to provide funds to the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB). Therefore the WEEB has eliminated the "Focus on Energy" category from its 2004-2005 grant program offerings. The WEEB has administered this energy education grant program for the past three years. During that time the WEEB received 77 proposals requesting over \$750,000. The WEEB funded 33 proposals worth \$274,835. Given the historical demand and continued need for energy education, the WEEB hopes these funds will be available during future grant cycles.

Although the "Focus on Energy" category has been eliminated, the WEEB is still seeking energy education proposals. Such projects can be funded via the WEEB's "general environmental education" grant category. Proposal writers should note the maximum award for the general category is \$5,000 (not the \$20,000 as advertised for the Focus on Energy category). The capital and site enhancement limits in the general category are 50% of WEEB requested funds rather than 75%. Obviously these differences may require project directors to alter the scale and/or detail of any energy proposal they had been planning.

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