



THE FRED AND ROBERTA MCPHERSON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT FOR TEACHERS

Notice of Grant Funding Availability

The deadline to apply is September 29, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Grants will be awarded on October 10, 2023

The first annual Fred and Roberta McPherson Environmental Education Grant for Teachers is now inviting proposals for its 2022 Environmental Education Grant Program sponsored by the Valley Women's Club (VWC). Apply now if you are a teacher working with students K-12 and your project involves environmental education, such as ecological monitoring; data collection; habitat restoration; science materials; or community/public education.

The Mission of the Valley Women's Club

The Valley Women's Club is dedicated to community action, awareness, and leadership in environmental education, social and political concerns that affect the health and welfare of the San Lorenzo Valley and our community.

The grant aims to provide teachers with supplemental funds to support project-based learning.

Funding Level

2023 Project applications will be considered for up to \$1,000.

Application Deadline

Applications may be submitted to the Valley Women's Club beginning September 5th and must be received no later than September 29 at 5:00 pm.

Features and Qualities Being Sought

The VWC gives the highest priority to projects that exhibit some or all of the following features:

- Project scope is within the San Lorenzo Valley.
- Project has a work plan that can be completed within the school year.
- Project has the potential to incorporate volunteers and increase public knowledge of environmental issues.

Formatting Guidelines

Each grant proposal must have the **Application Narrative** and the **Budget Summary**.

Application Narrative

The Valley Women's Club encourages brief and concise narratives, which do not exceed four (4) pages.

All pages should be numbered and include the following information:

1. Name of Teacher and School Submitting Proposal
 - a. Provide the full and correct name of the teacher and school who will receive the grant and be responsible for the project.
2. Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), and Email Address of Contact Person
 - a. Provide the name, address, telephone number(s), and email address of one (1) individual who carries the proposal/project responsibilities.
3. Title of Project and Recommended Project Area
 - a. Provide a descriptive title for your project.
4. Amount of Funds Requested
 - a. Identify the total amount funds you are requesting.
5. Briefly describe your project
 - a. Explain what you are going to do and how you are going to accomplish your project.
 - b. You may use any combination of drawings, photographs, or maps.
6. Describe the California state standard that is being addressed with this project.
7. Briefly describe
 - a. How your project enriches students and incorporates participation,
 - b. Driving question: the question the students will be answering with the work the students will be doing in the project, and
 - c. Provide the number of students who will benefit from this
8. Briefly describe why this project is needed or what specific problems it will address.
9. Identify any other source(s) of funding or partnerships for your proposed project.
 - a. Include matching funds, materials, services, equipment, personnel, or other resources.
10. Bonus points!
 - a. Have students make a brief presentation of the outcome of their project at the Valley Women's Club General Meeting in March.

Budget Summary

Include a separate one-page Budget Summary, which provides a clear and concise budget for your proposed project.

Follow-up Report

All grant recipients will be required to submit a **written narrative report** documenting the accomplishments of the completed project and a **financial statement** that accounts for all expenditures from the McPherson Environmental Education Grant for Teachers funds.

Review and Awarding Process

The Valley Women's Club awards grants on a competitive basis using the following procedure:

- All applications are reviewed to ensure that they meet the application format guidelines.
- The VWC Scholarship Committee reads and evaluates all the screened applications in terms of the selection criteria and recommends grant-funding awards to the VWC Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors decides which grant proposals to fund and the amounts to be funded for each submission. All decisions of the Board of Directors are final.
- Grant funding will be distributed within two weeks following the grant award.

How to apply

Email your completed application to mcphersongrant@valleywomensclub.org

Note

Grant recipients from this cycle will remain eligible to apply for future Fred and Roberta McPherson Environmental Education Grant awards.

How to obtain more information

For additional information or assistance with the grant application or review process, don't hesitate to contact Sandi Clinton at the Valley Women's Club at mcphersongrant@valleywomensclub.org.