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CDSN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHAT

The Conservation District of Southern Nevada will create and administer an Environmental Education Grant Program for the advancement of environmental literacy and stewardship in Clark County, Nevada. The grants will be open to schools and teachers located in the Clark County School District (CCSD), the fifth largest school district in the nation serving approximately 300,000 students per year. The CCSD has endured severe budget cuts, has high drop-out rates, and continues to underperform on national standards. Environmental Education funding can provide a vast array of opportunities for conceptual learning, critical thinking, problem solving, effective leadership, interdisciplinary investigation skills, and will encourage interest in environmental careers.

WHY

The intent of this program is to provide much needed funds for teachers and schools to use towards eco-projects, classroom demonstrations, field and hands-on learning experiences, environmental education teaching skills, and to increase environmental literacy and stewardship. The CCSD has environmental education curriculum at every grade level therefore the objective of this program is to connect teachers with resources to accomplish those goals and increase environmental education in Clark County schools. CDSN will create a grant manual that will define environmental education and describe the educational and environmental priorities that will be required to receive funding.

HOW

CDSN has a partnership with the CCSD and the School-Community Partnership Program that will assist with assessing environmental education needs, advertising the funding opportunity and oversight of projects. Grant awards will have an award ceiling of \$5,000 per grant. Grants will be offered annually with project timelines coinciding with the school year. Grants will be eligible for grades K-12.

SPONSOR NEEDS

The Conservation District of Southern Nevada is looking for sponsors to develop and maintain an Environmental Education Grant Program. Sponsors would be recognized in all program materials and program outreach. Initial start-up costs for an Environmental Education Grant Program are estimated to be \$150,000.