





Connecticut Outdoor & Environmental Education Association


2021 Mini-Grant Opportunities


COEEA awards educational organizations and/or community-based groups mini-grants in the following categories:

 **Increasing Environmental Literacy** - Two mini-grants of \$500-\$1000 available for local projects or enhancements to existing projects that benefit the environment and increase environmental literacy among Connecticut residents, across a broad and diverse audience of youth and/or adult learners.

 **Advancing DEIJ in Environmental Education** - one mini-grant of up to \$2,000 stimulus funding for actions that advance diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) in environmental initiatives, including but not limited to DEIJ staff training, recruitment and outreach of more diverse audiences for programs, stipends for interns with more diverse backgrounds, or projects addressing one or more dimensions of environmental injustice.

ELIGIBILITY & QUESTIONS

 All current COEEA members (individual members and member organizations) are eligible to apply. To verify membership status for questions, please contact COEEA Membership Chair at membership@coeea.org

 Individuals or organizations that have received an award in the previous year are not eligible to apply this year. For questions regarding eligibility, please contact COEEA at minigrants@coeea.org.



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SUBMISSION PROCESS

The attached 3-page application must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 22rd as an email attachment to COEEA at minigrants@coeea.org. Copy and paste the template into your files and rename it as [Your organization] – COEEA Mini Grant Application. Please identify your name or organization in the subject line, alongside the mini grant category you are applying to. Please attach any letters of support or other evidence in the same email. Late applications will not be considered. Each individual or organization may only submit one application per year.

SELECTION PROCESS

The COEEA Grants Committee will review and evaluate each application and announce the awards at its annual meeting, to be held virtually via Zoom on December 7th. Awards will be based on the merit and the impacts of the project, including local relevance, meaningful/experiential learning, environmental stewardship, and alignment with COEEA's vision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about COEEA and the CT ELP, visit www.coeea.org. Please direct all application inquiries to Sarah Wilby, COEEA Mini-Grants Chair, at minigrants@coeea.org.