



Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance

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SEEAL AWARDS \$27,000 IN GRANTS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

SEEAL (Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance), under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, has awarded \$27,000 in grants to climate change-related projects in Southcoast Massachusetts.

Grants have been awarded as part of the “Climate Change Challenge,” a one-year project funded by a private foundation. The grants were awarded to:

Mass Audubon Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary - \$3,500

Southcoast Climate Change Challenge Student Action

Students who expressed interest during the October 2009 school presentations will be provided resources to build leadership, launch Green Clubs, train other students, and to apply for grants.

Hastings Middle School - \$500

Think About What Water You Drink

In attempt to eliminate the use of plastic water bottles in the school, we will work in the science classrooms to teach and educate students about drinking tap water and the use of reusable bottles.

Lloyd Center for the Environment - \$1,850

Coastal Exploration Program: Adaptation

A hands-on, in-class lesson that will be provided for all (39) fifth grade classes in the Fall River Public Schools to think about how animals as well as humans are adapted to their environment and how climate change will impact life on earth.

Marion Institute - \$3,000

Green Impact Zone Implementation Leaders

A team to educate residents about the importance of energy efficiency and connect them to available resources and opportunities—to reduce emissions and lower the cost of energy for residents, as part of a community-wide retrofitting program.

Ocean Explorium - \$4,000

Connecting Climate Academy

A teacher-training to provide curriculum on Climate Change for use within local Southcoast schools, and two vacation camps for high and middle school students to learn the science of Climate Change and how to create participatory action projects within their school and community.

Buttonwood Park Zoo - \$3,000

Shrink Your Footprint Series

An event to educate people on how to reduce their negative impact on the environment, which will include lectures, interactive demonstrations, introductions to local businesses.

Treatment on Demand / Spiritual Warrior Society - \$3,000

Sacred Green Space—The Sacred Greenhouse

A hoop house, to address the connection between climate change and food choices through the promotion of eating fresh, unprocessed and locally produced food. What is a hoop house?

UMass Dartmouth / Roots & Shoots - \$3,000

Earth Eve

A celebration on April's AHA! Night in downtown New Bedford, where Mother Earth and Father Ocean will lead a procession of climate change-related eco-floats—made by college, high school and elementary students and community groups.

United Front Homes - \$3,500

Community Recycling Initiative, Phase II

A continuation and expansion of our successful Community Recycling Initiative Phase I to support a Recycling Coordinator and youth interns to conduct recycling education and promotion activities.

Westport River Watershed Alliance - \$800

Impacts of Climate Change on Regional Ecological Resources

A presentation regarding the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, particularly the impacts of sea level rise on coastal ecosystems.

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Office of Campus and Community Sustainability - \$850

Sustainability Library Resource Corner

To target 25 libraries in Southeastern Massachusetts with education on climate change and peak oil via a lunch conference with librarians.

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About SEEAL

SEEAL, a Community Foundation program, was formed in 1997. SEEAL's mission is to support member organizations in their capacity to provide quality environmental education and stewardship in Southeastern Massachusetts. Some of SEEAL's active educational and institutional partners are New Bedford Public Schools, New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Bristol Community College, The Trustees of Reservations, SRPEDD, and SEMAP.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, has distributed more than \$8 million from 127 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.

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