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Ohio EPA Awards \$2,500 Environmental Education Mini Grant to Benefit Union County Middle School

Ohio EPA has awarded a \$2,500 environmental education mini grant to the Union Soil and Water Conservation District to benefit 7th grade science students at Bunsold Middle School in Marysville. Eleven projects throughout the state were funded for \$50,000.

This grant will supplement the students' fresh water studies and better support their chemical and macro-invertebrate stream sampling lessons by providing seining nets, waders, boots and water quality test kits. The project also supports the public education goals of the city of Marysville's storm water management plan and the [Bokes Creek](#) and [Mill Creek](#) watershed [plans](#).

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund gives out approximately \$1 million each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. General grants are given for projects lasting up to 30 months and costing up to \$50,000.

Mini grants are available for projects lasting up to 12 months and costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Proposals for classroom projects, conference speakers, and other activities that are eligible under the general grant program are eligible under the mini-grant program, but the application process is streamlined. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education reserves up to \$50,000 each grant round to fund projects submitted under this program. Just like the general grant program, there are two mini-grant rounds each year, with the next application deadline on July 15, 2011. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on July 8.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873. Staff is available to assist potential grant applicants who contact the office before the submission deadline. Information also is available [online](#).

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