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Ohio EPA Awards \$5,000 Environmental Education Mini Grant to Madison County Camp

Ohio EPA has awarded a \$5,000 environmental education mini grant to the Proctor Camp and Conference Center to provide hands-on scientific learning activities for Madison County students. Ten projects throughout the state were funded for \$42,813.

This grant will fund the “Hydro Hunt” project, a collaboration of Madison Plains and London High Schools and the Madison Soil and Water Conservation District. The project also will serve as a resource for the middle and elementary grades. Specifically, the grant will pay for high school teachers to receive training and tools to design a standards-based, multi-sensory, interdisciplinary scavenger hunt using global positioning system (GPS) waypoints at the wetland sites located on school property. The teachers will rely on GPS and hydrology protocols established by Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE). The GLOBE program is a worldwide primary and secondary school-based science and education program designed in close partnership with NASA, NOAA and NSF to help students research the earth’s environmental dynamics.

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 Jan. 17, 2012. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on Jan. 9, 2012.

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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