

# B-WET BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM

**The California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program is an environmental education program that supports locally relevant experiential learning in the K-12 environment. The primary delivery is through competitive grants.**

B-WET Activities Show an Increase in:

- Teachers' confidence in their ability and their intentions to implement experiential learning in their classroom
- Students' enjoyment of learning about the ocean and protecting the ocean
- Students' and teachers ability to identify ways watersheds and the ocean become polluted and ways to prevent this pollution

### Priority Areas:

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students

- Weaves together classroom learning with field experiences
- Sustained Activity
- Aligns with standards of learning

Professional Development for Teachers

- Reinforces a teacher's ability to teach, inspire, & lead
- Teachers learn why and how to use inquiry based learning in their classrooms

Emerging Marine Issues

- Focuses on current marine issues that threaten our coastal resources
- Integrates meaningful watershed experiences with topics like marine debris and ocean acidification to highlight new technology and research

Community and Adult Education

- Provides targeted training on watershed management for decision-makers and businesses
- Leverages partnerships to deliver NOAA messages to communities and the general public

**Target Areas:** Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of Monterey Bay (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito and San Luis Obispo Counties), San Francisco Bay Area (San Francisco, Alameda and Marin Counties) and Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties).

**Eligible Applicants:** K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, and Indian tribal governments.

**Available funding:** Applicants can request up to \$60,000 annually for up to three successive years for a single project. California B-WET funds can be used for a variety of expenses to conduct programming including: buses, stipends, travel, substitutes, equipment, and professional evaluators.

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