

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

After School, Science Camps and Summer Programs

- Recognizes the importance of programs that enforce what is occurring in the classroom
- Provides additional opportunities for students to connect with their outdoor classrooms.

Target Areas: Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of a. Monterey Bay (counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo); b. San Francisco Bay (counties of Marin, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Sonoma), and 3. Santa Barbara (counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura).

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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