**ecoSTEM and ecoSolution grants** [1]

**Description:**
For almost 30 years, the Captain Planet Foundation has supported educators and their work to facilitate youth-led projects that result in positive impacts to the environment of a school or community.

Captain Planet Foundation grants are intended to:

- Empower youth by providing hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities
- Inspire youth and communities to become agents of change for their environment
- Serve as a catalyst for education that uses the environment as a context for applied and STEM learning

**MONETARY SUPPORT GRANTS:**
**ecoSolution Grants** are CPF’s broadest category of monetary support for youth-led environmental projects. Available as cash grants for $500 - $2,500, these grants support purchase of materials and other expenses required to implement the project.
Projects must:

- Be based in the U.S.
- Be solution-oriented
- Be project-based
- Be youth-led
- Result in demonstrable environmental outcomes

**MATERIAL SUPPORT GRANTS:**
**ecoSTEM Resource Kits** are curated material and activity kits organized by environmental theme (i.e. Renewable Energy, Water Quality, PollinNation, and Earth Soil & Decomposition). Perfect for teachers just getting started with project-based learning or who are new to using the environment as context for learning! ecoSTEM Kits provide a class set of materials that can be used and reused to carry out investigations, engineering design challenges, citizen science projects, and stewardship projects.

Captain Planet Foundation’s ecoSTEM Kits were curated to engage students in project-based learning, including observing phenomena, conducting inquiry investigations, making models, collecting data for citizen science projects, creating solutions to engineering challenges, and conducting environmental stewardship projects to solve real-world problems. Each kit contains supplies for 32 students. Choose from 4 exciting kits, for use with Next Generation Science Standards, GA Standards of Excellence in Science, and state standards in Three-Dimensional Science. A limited supply of kits are available as Material Support Grants through CPF.

**Sponsor:** Captain Planet Foundation


**Funding amount:**
**Sponsor deadline:** Monday, July 15, 2019

**Solicitation Limitations:**
Applicant organizations eligible for monetary support through Captain Planet Foundation must:

- Be exempt from federal taxation under the IRS Section 501 (includes most schools and nonprofit organizations), or have a fiscal sponsor that meets this criterion.
- Maintain an annual operating budget of less than $3 million (only for nonprofits)

Eligibility for ecoSTEM kits:

- Limit 1 kit per application
- Educators (formal and informal), schools and eligible nonprofits that meet CPF funding criteria are welcome to apply
- Applications and awards work on the same schedule as ecoSolution grants

**Other information:**
Monetary support from CPF may be used for direct expenses associated with proposed projects. Preference is given to requests that have secured match or in-kind funding commitments to support projects.
Funds may NOT be used for:

- Capital or building campaigns, purchase of real estate, or endowments
- General operating expenses
- Salary or contract services
- Beautification or landscaping projects
- Travel costs or field trips that are not an essential part of the proposed project (if included, identify the purpose of the field trip under “project activities”)
- Scholarships
- Expensive equipment that can only be used once or by a few
- Promotional items such as t-shirts, flyers, postcards, etc.