

B-WET BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM



The Pacific Northwest 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
- Creates sustained learning opportunities
- Aligns with state and national 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
- Develops teacher confidence in outdoor learning and science content

Target Areas: Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of Oregon and Washington with special focus on Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences, Ocean Literacy, STEM education and ocean acidification.

Eligible Applicants: K-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: B-WET funds are appropriated each year by Congress. Proposals must be for a one-year duration; ongoing projects may apply in subsequent years for continuation. Pacific Northwest 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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