

Operation Frog Pond – Request for Proposals

Tree Walkers International (TWI), an organization dedicated to the conservation of amphibians, is offering two \$500 cost share awards to Washington schools for the creation of schoolyard wetland habitats for amphibians and environmental education. Awardees will receive up to \$500 on a 1:1 matching fund basis for materials and/or labor to construct or restore suitable breeding habitat for local native amphibians. These awards are administered under Operation Frog Pond (OFP), a program of TWI that promotes the conservation of native amphibians through backyard and schoolyard habitat projects.

Amount: Up to \$500

Eligibility: OFP awards are available to all K-12 schools within the state of Washington. Applicants must be able to provide matching funds at a ratio of 1:1. In-kind services and donations may be used to cover up to 100% of the matching fund requirement. Awardees must also agree to follow guidelines for habitat design provided by TWI following a site visit to the top 5 finalist locations.

Selection Criteria: Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis and will be judged on the following merits:

1. Potential conservation impact of the project on local native amphibians.
2. Integration of the project into teaching curricula or lesson plans.
3. (Optional) Ability to leverage the project with other science and environmental education or schoolyard conservation initiatives.
4. Ability to serve a broad range of grade levels.
5. Originality of approach.

How to Apply: Submit electronic copies (MS Word or PDF documents preferred) of proposals not to exceed 5 pages (single spaces, minimum 10pt font). Proposals should include the following:

- Name and location of the school where the project will be located
- Name and qualifications of the individual(s) who will lead the project
- Amount requested
- Grade level(s) that will be served by the project
- How the project will meet the criteria listed above
- A project budget and brief work plan describing how the project will be completed

Submission Deadline (extended): December 1, 2008

Submit Proposals To: ron@treewalkers.org

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For additional information about Tree Walkers International and Operation Frog Pond, visit <http://www.treewalkers.org>