

# Call for Proposals:

Mini-Grants for Mitigating Pollution Through Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Materials Management, A School-to-Community Approach



**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** K-12 schools or community groups

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Maximum per grant \$5,000

**DEADLINE:** April 30, 2013

**PROJECT DURATION:** Projects must be completed within 11 months

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This mini-grant program seeks to engage K-12 students and teachers, active community organizations, and the general public to implement pollution mitigation programs that will accomplish the following goals:

1. Address stormwater pollution **or** sustainable materials management issues (e. g., solid waste management) in local communities;
2. Connect students and educators with these critical topics and teach them the skills and information necessary to become environmental stewards; and
3. Bring together schools and neighborhoods to address pressing environmental challenges locally.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applications must be submitted as a partnership between a K-12 school **AND** a community group/organization. However, either entity can be the lead applicant.

## AVAILABLE FUNDING

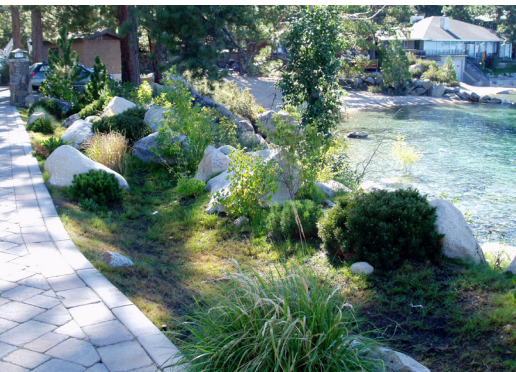
SyracuseCoE CSCS will award 15 grants in each category of green infrastructure and sustainable materials management implementation for a total of 30 grants awarded throughout EPA Region 2. While the maximum award per grant is \$5,000, a total fund of \$91,685 is available for this program. Therefore, proposals that request lower than \$5,000 may receive preference. Cost-share will not be accepted.

To guarantee that this program reaches a wide range of schools across EPA Region 2, SyracuseCoE CSCS will have a minimum of five grant awards in each of New Jersey, New York and Puerto Rico/US Virgin Islands.

## POSSIBLE MINI GRANT PROJECTS

Below are examples of topics that could be incorporated into a fundable project. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but provides guidance on possible areas of exploration.

- Community rain gardens
- Vermicomposting bin construction for classroom compost programs
- Creative reuse activities
- Rain barrel construction, painting and installation
- Student-run workshops on recycling for both community members and fellow students
- Development of an instructional video related to program topics



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