

## *Green School Energy Challenge*

# GRANTS

*VEEP will continue to share grant opportunities in our monthly e-newsletter.*

### ***VEEP mini-grants*** | *application due Nov 15*

VEEP will offer competitive project-based grants as part of our EPA Environmental Education Grant during the 2016/17 school year. We welcome proposals for grants of \$100–\$1,000 for projects that address climate change and improve environmental literacy among students in Vermont schools. Proposals are due to VEEP by November 15, 2016. Grants will be awarded by December 1, 2016. All details and the application form can be found at [veep.org](http://veep.org) (click on “What’s New” and scroll down).

### ***Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering*** | *application due Sept 30*

The Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering (VASE) awards small equipment grants to K-12 teachers in Vermont schools annually. This program is designed to increase student interest by providing opportunities for direct, hands-on activities that enable students to experience the excitement of science and engineering directly. Developing such activities inevitably requires some associated hardware/software with costs that exceed the normal budgets available for classroom instruction, so VASE is providing a pathway for teacher-student teams to design projects that go beyond the standard laboratory experience. A premium will be placed on innovative, exciting projects that are well designed, have a straightforward path toward implementation, and are outside the established curriculum rather than supplementing an existing course or laboratory experience. They hope to make up to 10 awards annually, each typically in the \$500–\$1,000 range. Deadline is September 30, 2016. [uvm.edu/~vase/](http://uvm.edu/~vase/) (click on “School Outreach”)

### ***PLT: GreenWorks! grant funds*** | *application due Sept 30*

Project Learning Tree (PLT) has GreenWorks! grant funds of up to \$1,000, to be used specifically for action projects at schools registered in the PLT GreenSchools! program. These grants are funded in part by the U.S. Forest Service. If you meet the grant requirements, you can apply for funds to complete an action project at your school. Please note that one of the requirements is that you have secured 50 percent matching funds for your project, some of which may be in-kind services or time; VEEP/GSEC may serve as your in-kind services or time. Visit [greenworks.org](http://greenworks.org) or [plt.org/greenschools](http://plt.org/greenschools) for details and deadline information.

### ***Captain Planet Foundation*** | *application due Sept 30 and Jan 31*

The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation and must meet all three of the following criteria to be considered for funding: be project-based; projects must be performed by youth; and projects must have real environmental outcomes. See more at [captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants](http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants).

## ***New England Grassroots Environment Fund | application rolling***

NEGEF's Seed (\$250–\$1,000) and Grow (\$1,000–\$3,500) grants are designed for groups that are doing community-based environmental work. [grassrootsfund.org/dollars](https://grassrootsfund.org/dollars).

## ***Efficiency Vermont equipment rebates***

Is your current water heater electric? How about your dishwasher booster? Do you have other big electric pumps or fans that need to be replaced? Maybe you don't even know how much energy they are using. Efficiency Vermont can provide guidance, and potentially an incentive/rebate to bring down the cost of new equipment. Please be in touch with Efficiency Vermont at 1-888-921-5990 or [efficiencyvermont.com](https://efficiencyvermont.com).