



NATURE EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM 2020 ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA and INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Nature Education Small Grant Program provided by the Santa Rosa Plateau Nature Education Foundation (SRPNEF) and sponsored by the **Pechanga Development Corporation** and the **Tate Law Group**. The application is available at www.srpnef.org/grants. Submit online, by email to grants@srpnef.org or mail to: SRPNEF Small Grant Program, P. O. Box 941, Murrieta, CA 92564. Grant review process is administered by the Education Committee of the SRPNEF.

This small grant program is designed to support projects or programs that benefit youth in **grades 6 – 12** within the Murrieta, Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Perris, Wildomar, Menifee and Hemet/San Jacinto school district areas. New or existing programs or projects focused on ***nature, environmental and science education*** and activities that foster the development of ***“champions of the environment”*** will be given first consideration.

Awardees will be required to present their funded project/program before the SRPNEF Board of Directors, date and time to be determined.

Grant Amount: \$500 - \$5,000

Grant Cycle: Open March 1, 2020 and close May 1, 2020 annually. **Grants Awarded:** June

Reporting: Awardees will be asked to prepare a ppt and/or video of your project that can be posted on the SRPNEF website and/or emailed to our stakeholders. In addition, you will receive a questionnaire/report summary that will be required to be eligible for subsequent grant requests.

What will be funded:

- Collaborative projects or programs with classrooms, school districts, non-profits, private and charter schools
- Programs or projects that demonstrate alignment with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), and EEI (California’s Environmental Education Initiative)
- Field trips/Afterschool/Weekend Projects
- Science/research projects
- Class/community gardens
- Project-based staff support/In-class supplies
- Projects or activities conducted on, or for the benefit of, the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve (will require project approval by State Fish & Wildlife and RivCoParks prior to funding.)

What will NOT be funded:

- Conference fees
- Political or religious initiatives

Who is eligible?

- Public, private or charter school 6-12 classroom teachers or schools
- Environmental education support groups/projects affiliated with non-profit or school programs
- Non-profit outdoor/environmental/science education providers