

DUTCHESS COUNTY

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**2025 Conservation in the Classroom – Request for Proposals**

The Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to offer a grant project intended to expand environmental conservation and/or agricultural education in Dutchess County Schools. This grant provides funding for programs aimed at increasing student awareness of environmental conservation and/or agricultural in Dutchess County and enlighten students on the importance of conserving natural resources and how to repair damage and reverse harmful trends.

Provide a plan that demonstrates how the proposed project will provide educational opportunities for the students and the desired impacts. Your proposal shall address the following questions/topics:

1. Who will be responsible for the program's administration;
2. What is the educational goal for the students;
3. How will students be involved in the project;
4. What type of equipment will be requested and for what purpose;
5. If your project includes food production, what will you do with the food that will be grown;
6. What is the life expectancy of the project?
7. How will you measure student knowledge gained; and
8. Do you currently have any environmental conservation and/or agricultural education programs or related after-school clubs?

Proposals will only be accepted from schools located in Dutchess County.

Awards range from \$500 - \$3,000. Awards will be made to qualifying applicants. Please limit proposal to three pages.

Provide a projected itemized budget (see form attached) that lists all project costs, including equipment, supplies, etc. This grant does not provide funding for labor.

- All funds provided through this grant must be expended by December 15, 2025.
- Proposals reviewed on a rolling basis. First round of applications to be considered are due by April 15, 2025.

Projects that receive matching support (either cash or in-kind contributions) will score higher than proposals without match. Labor may be counted as matched support.

Demonstrate project support from stakeholders such as teachers, administrators and parents. Letters of support are encouraged and will not count toward the three-page limit.

Please submit proposals to [admin@dutchesswcd.org](mailto:admin@dutchesswcd.org).

**2025 Conservation in the Classroom Program Proposal**

Name/address of School:

Project Leader:

Title of Proposal:

Project Description (*see questions 1 through 7 on Request for Proposals*):

Project timeline:

Letters of Support or Partnership:

Project Budget:

Budget Line	Items/Amount	Details/Notes	Total
Supplies (list items individually):			
Equipment (list items individually):			
Misc. (list items individually):			
In Kind-Match (list items individually):			
Cash match (list items individually):			

Total Match	\$
Total Requested	\$
Project Total	\$