

## **BPA Offering \$20,000 in Education Grants**

### **Local News**

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Portland, OR - The Bonneville Power Administration is offering \$20,000 in science and energy education grants to nonprofit organizations, schools and others in support of work to educate students in grades K through 12 about the energy systems of the Pacific Northwest.

The goal of the program is to advance student understanding, awareness and interest in the issues and science involved in energy generation and transmission in the region.

"Science, technology, engineering and math education is absolutely vital to the Pacific Northwest, and this program represents an investment in the future innovators and leaders in the energy industry," said Elliot Mainzer, BPA acting deputy administrator.

A total of \$20,000 will be awarded. BPA anticipates making five to 10 grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

The educational grant program is in its second year. Winners in 2012 included:

Compass Academy, Idaho Falls, Idaho

\$2,813.38 for multifaceted research field trips and classroom projects focused on power generation and impacts to communities and river ecology for ninth and 10th grade students in biology, health and science classes.

Eastern Oregon Renewable Energy, Canyon City, Ore.

\$500 to present hands-on energy and environmental learning sessions at Outdoor School in Grant County, Ore.

Franklin Conservation District, Pasco, Wash.

\$5,000 to support traveling science and energy education field trips that reach 30,000 students in eastern Washington.

Washington State University School of Engineering

\$4,990 for outreach camp at WSU's Summer/Winter Science and Engineering Program serving students in Vancouver and Portland.

"The science and energy education grants are just one facet of a much larger education outreach program for BPA," said Christy Adams, BPA education coordinator. "The Science and Energy Education grants program was designed to extend the reach of our education efforts by supporting the work of teachers and nonprofits who are working locally to advance energy education."

The grant program is open to nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporations. Teachers and schools may apply, but funding must go to an education foundation (usually through school districts). The recipients must be from, and funding used in, BPA service territory in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and parts of Montana, Nevada and Wyoming.

Applications for project funding are due May 1, and funding will be awarded in June for projects beginning in the 2013/2-14 school year.

For terms and instructions on completing a science and energy education grant proposal, please visit: <http://www.bpa.gov/PublicInvolvement/...ges/Education-Grants.aspx>.

BPA's education program provides free presentations and information to K-12 schools in our region to help students achieve energy literacy, and to support science, technology, engineering and math education. For information on BPA education programs, go to [www.bpa.gov/community](http://www.bpa.gov/community).

BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).