

EPA Region 7 will accept proposals from eligible schools and entities through Nov. 21 for the Agency's 2012 Environmental Education grants to develop new programs promoting environmental stewardship in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska communities.

EPA's environmental education grants provide funding to local education agencies, state education and environmental agencies; colleges and universities; not-for-profit organizations; and non-commercial broadcasting entities.

Tribal education agencies controlled by an Indian tribe, band or nation, including schools and community colleges, may also apply.

EPA expects to award one \$216,000 grant in each of its 10 geographical regions, including Region 7, for a total of \$2,160,000 in grants awarded nationwide.

Proposed projects should involve designing, demonstrating or developing innovative education tools and materials. Projects also should involve environmental education activities that go beyond disseminating information.

A solicitation notice for the grants, and information about two webinars that will be held in September for interested applicants, is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/education/grants/index.html>.

In EPA Region 7, all proposals for the 2012 grants must be received by 5 p.m. (CST) on Nov. 21, 2012. Through Sept. 30, 2012, proposals should be mailed to Denise Morrison, Environmental Education Coordinator, EPA Region 7, Office of Public Affairs, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101.

Proposals should be mailed to Denise Morrison, Environmental Education Coordinator, EPA Region 7, Office of Public Affairs, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219. Applicants with specific questions about the grants may contact Morrison at Morrison.Denise@epa.gov

Environmental education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides program participants the skills necessary to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions.