

## No Child Left Inside Update

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## MN Conservation, Outdoor and Environmental Education History

- 1947 - Governor Youngdahl calls First Annual Conference on Conservation Education
- 1952 - First School Forest established at Blackduck
- 1969 - Environmental Education resources and positions established at DNR and DOE
- 1971 - Minnesota Environmental Education Council established
- 1977 - DNR puts emphasis on Outdoor and Hunter Education
- 1988 - Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund approved by voters
- 1990 - The Environmental Education Act passes MN Legislature
- 1993 - A GreenPrint for Minnesota: State Plan for Environmental Education
- 2005 - *Last Child in the Woods* (Louv) launches Children and Nature movement
- 2013 - MN DOE Integrating Environmental and Outdoor Education Report
- 2016 - DNR creates Angler and Hunter Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Grants and R3 Toolkit

LOOK UP NATURE AS AN ALTERNATE TO SOAK AND  
PATIENCE TO GROW. HOW WISE THE WISDOM  
REQUIRE OF AN OUTDOOR SOUL AND WISE  
BACK TO FORESTS, WATER AND WISDOM.

### FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Thursday, May 8, 1947

at the Call of

GOVERNOR LUTHER W. YOUNGDALH

Sponsored by  
THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
and  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Attendance Conference—  
Auditorium, State Office Building

Evening Reception—  
Oster Beach, Leamy Hotel

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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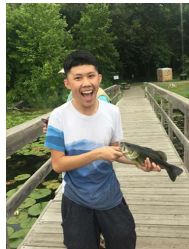
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## 2019 - No Child Left Inside Grant Program

- \$1.2 Million Appropriation
- Category 1 - Natural Resources Education and Outdoor Recreation
  - \$500,000
  - Public entities and non-profits
- Category 2 - Fishing, Hunting and Shooting Sports Programs
  - \$500,000
  - Public school districts and tribal schools
- Category 3 - High School Fishing Leagues
  - Non-profit organizations operating high school fishing leagues or clubs



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### Consultation with Stakeholders

- Minnesota R3 Council
- Tribal Educators, MN Indian Affairs Council, and DNR regional contacts
- MN Children and Nature Connection
- MN Association for Environmental Education
- DNR Bass Species External Workgroup
- Representatives from Fishing Tournament Organizers
- DNR Education Staff




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### Phase 1 Mini Grants

- First-come, first-served, \$200,000 designated, 2 page application
- Opened for apps on Oct. 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with six weeks notice
- 200 applications by 9:06 a.m., 340 by 2:40 p.m.
- Total of over 400 applications requesting over \$1.2 million
- 59 funded projects distributed by capita to six regions of state
- Average applicant rate of Free and Reduced Lunch = 39.7%
- 64% public schools, 30% non-profits, 20% were pre-schools
- 55% of requests were for equipment
- 40% at or on school grounds, most doing natural resource education classes outside
- Top recreation activities: angling, biking, shooting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing




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### Phase 2 Larger Grants

- Competitive, up to \$1 million available, 6 page application
- Deadline to apply Jan. 9, six weeks notice
- 220 applications requesting over \$5 million
- Average request: \$23,118
- Average expected impact: 581 youth/ application (if award 43 projects = 25,000 total impacted)
- Type of applicant - nonprofits (51%), public schools (33%), and other public entities (16%)
- Similar locations and activities as Phase 1
- 2/3rds of applicants pledged a match of 50% or more




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### Take A Ways, Thoughts and Recommendations

- Good response from tribal organizations and many projects working with diverse communities
- By far, most requests for Category 1
- Category 2 and 3 - money still left
  - eligibility requirements an issue - schools, HS fishing leagues/clubs only
  - Mini grants may work
  - Open up to non-profits, after school, non-formal education programs
- Youth Only - allow adults and families
- Capital equipment, trails, maintenance
- Direction on matching funds - priority, but...
- Economic benefit
- Staffing and administration - 1 FTE to manage to date




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## Thank You!

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### R3 Grants

- Initial funding from legislative-directed appropriation for R3 (angler and hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation) activities from State Game and Fish Fund – some of it specific to SE Asian communities
- Grant criteria and scoring priority to projects reaching diverse audiences
- 67 grants awarded since 2016 (5 rounds) for a total of \$990,000, approximately half specifically targeting women or minorities
  - 157 applications submitted requesting \$2.3 million
- First 35 grants (Rounds 1-3) leveraged matching funds totaling \$654,941
  - Total participants - 11,365



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