



Pollinator Habitat Grant Opportunity for Educators

Are you looking for a hands-on pollinator habitat project for your students? This winter, Sand County Foundation will offer grants to high school educators—especially those involved with FFA—to have students propagate native forbs (wildflowers) in school greenhouses and transplant them next spring with collaborating landowners.

Grantees will elect to receive either seeds or seedlings for greenhouse propagation, starting in January. Students will grow the plants in a school greenhouse or other suitable indoor area, transplant them onto an appropriate site in the spring, and maintain and monitor the plants through the summer and fall. Grantees will be provided training materials and a cash award to offset project expenses.

The objective of this program is to increase the diversity of native forbs within an agricultural landscape for the benefit of native bees, honeybees, and monarch butterflies. A key component of this project is finding a suitable site for transplanting, such as CRP land, farm boundaries, or rural electric cooperative facilities. School properties may be used if dedicated to agricultural or natural habitat purposes.

Grant application information will be posted this fall on the Sand County Foundation project website: <https://sandcountyfoundation.org/resources-for-high-school-teachers>

If you have questions or would like to be notified directly when the grant application is posted, please contact Craig Ficenec at cficenec@sandcountyfoundation.org, or 608-663-4605 x22

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