

Environmental Grant Opportunities

The USPS EnvCom is pursuing grants at the national level for environmental projects. However, most foundations and other funding organizations tend to favor applications from *local* groups with *specific* projects in their communities. Listed below are some recommended grant opportunities with links to application forms and guidelines. The EnvCom is available to assist you with these applications - from start to finish – providing you with appropriate USPS organizational information, history, backup, stats, etc. Just email the chair with your request: <mailto:JLHamilton@MarathonOil.com>



BoatU.S. Foundation Clean Water Grants

Each year grants up to \$4000 are awarded to local nonprofit volunteer organizations for the promotion of clean boating projects & education.

Applications, grant writing guides, and simple instructions are available now on the Boat/US website at the link below – it is an easy process and Boat/US wants USPS squadrons to get these grants! The grant deadline is 1 February 2008, so get your applications in soon. If you'd like assistance from the EnvCom – just email the chair.

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/cleanwater/grants/>

Patagonia commits at least 1% of sales or 10% of pre-tax profits to grassroots level groups for protection of habitat, wilderness, and biodiversity. Grant proposals can be submitted on the website in the months of April and August, or, you may apply directly to a nearby store year round.

<http://www.patagonia.com/web/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>



Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, (Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises) established the Ocean Fund in 1996 to support marine conservation organizations in preserving the world's oceans. The mission of the Ocean Fund is to support efforts to restore and maintain a healthy marine environment, minimize the impact of human activity on this environment, and promote awareness of ocean and coastal issues and respect for marine life.

Ocean Fund grants are made to a variety of nonprofit groups and institutions conducting activities directly related to marine conservation. Annual grants average between \$25,000 and \$50,000, although there is no absolute maximum. A committee of marine experts and cruise line executives meets each December to award grants. If your squadron or district is working an appropriate project, or possibly partnering with an organization on a marine conservation effort, the link below has information on the fund, past recipients, and how to apply.

The company reviews funding requests by June 30, and invites select organizations to submit a formal application by Sept. 30. Grant recipients are announced the following January.

[Environment - The Ocean Fund - Royal Caribbean International](#)