



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Mott, BB0304 - Environmental education grants

FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

1. *Environmental education grants*

This bill requires UW-Stevens Point to award grants, funded from the conservation fund, to nonprofit corporations and public agencies for the development, dissemination, and presentation of environmental education programs. To receive a grant, the grant recipient must match at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant, which matching may include in-kind contributions. No more than one-third of the total amount of grants awarded each year may be awarded to state agencies.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.285 (1) (rs) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (rs) *Environmental education grants.* From the conservation fund, the amounts in the schedule for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to award environmental education grants under s. 36.57.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 36.57 of the statutes is created to read:

36.57 Environmental education grants. (1) In this section:

(a) "Corporation" means a nonstock corporation organized under ch. 181 that is a nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 181.0103 (17).

(b) "Lake sanitary district" has the meaning given in s. 30.50 (4q).

(c) "Public agency" means a county, city, village, town, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, lake sanitary district, or school district or an agency of this state or of a county, city, village, town, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, lake sanitary district, or school district.

(2) (a) Subject to pars. (b) and (c) and sub. (3) (b), from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (rs), the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point shall award grants to corporations and public agencies for the development, dissemination, and presentation of environmental education programs. Programs shall be funded on an 18-month basis.

(b) No grant may be awarded under this section unless the grant recipient matches at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be applied to meet the matching requirement. Grants under this section may not be used to replace funding available from other sources.

(c) No more than one-third of the total amount awarded in grants under this section in any fiscal year may be awarded to state agencies.

(3) (a) The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point shall consult with all of the following to assist in identifying needs and establishing priorities for environmental education, including needs for teacher training, curriculum development and the development and dissemination of curriculum materials:

1. The state superintendent of public instruction.
2. Other system institutions with expertise in the field of environmental education.
3. Conservation and environmental groups, including youth organizations and nature and environmental centers.

(b) In consultation with the chancellor and faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the board shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria and procedures for the awarding of grants under sub. (2). The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point shall use the priorities established under par. (a) for awarding grants if the amount in the appropriation account under s. 20.285 (1) (rs) in any fiscal year is insufficient to fund all applications for grants under this section.

(4) In addition to making grants under this section funded from the appropriation account under s. 20.285 (1) (rs), the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point shall seek private funds for the purpose of making grants under this section from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (ge).

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