

2020 Franklin Parker Community Conservation Grants

10 Projects; Total Awards \$30,005

Grant Award Summaries

(Applicants listed in alphabetical order)

American Littoral Society

\$1,910

Virtual SeaQuest - Camden

Virtual SeaQuest – Camden is a virtual supplemental marine science education program for students at the UrbanPromise school with an elevated interest in the marine science and environmental fields.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County

\$3,500

“Guardians of the Green” Initiative

The project educates young people on the environment around them and helps them to appreciate natural lands, open space and the conservation of Cumberland County forests and waterways and beyond.

Camden Lutheran Housing, Inc. (CLHI)

\$4,000

“Blight to Bright – Transforming Abandoned Places to Green Spaces”

CLHI will perform vacant lot stabilization and maintenance projects in at least five locations in North Camden – increasing access to safe, healthy green space – while beautifying publicly accessible spaces through urban horticulture and/or art installations in at least one of those locations.

Foodshed Alliance

\$2,500

Affordable Farming Opportunities for Communities of Color on Preserved Farmland

The project intends to increase the number of farmers of color operating organic farm businesses by providing affordable long-term leases on New Jersey preserved farmland.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$3,000

FoHVOS Avian Tracking Internship

The funding will provide 15 students from communities of color with the knowledge of local avian diets, nesting and incubation habits, bird banding and migration. In addition to STEM education, the internships will cultivate contacts with conservation professionals, discuss green job prospects, and build resumes for future job opportunities in conservation.

Grow It Green Morristown

\$3,920

Teaching about Regenerative Agriculture

The grant will expand knowledge of regenerative agriculture and help foster a more equitable food system by creating a new paid apprenticeship program at The Urban Farm to provide opportunities for two diverse young applicants to learn about farming utilizing sustainable methods and potentially inspiring new innovative growing methods in an urban setting.

New Jersey Highlands Coalition

\$3,000

Turtle Clan of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation promotes traditional farming on newly-leased Munsee Farm at Muckshaw Preserve

The project will support teaching and interpretation by the Turtle Clan at its 9-acre Munsee Farm, where they are growing traditional foods and medicinal plants, regaining tribal knowledge and values, fostering self-sufficiency, and encouraging food security and environmentally sound practices.

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

\$1,975

Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm Fencing Project

This project will help to fund the purchase and installation of deer fencing around the Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm project at RVC's Muckshaw Farm (a part of the Foodshed Alliance's Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAGe) program) in order to increase crop yield by at least 40%.

Stoutsbury Sourland African American Museum

\$2,200

Cultural and Natural History in the Sourlands

This project will engage audiences that previously may not have been interested in learning about the environment by preparing interpretive signs, with video links, at African American history sites in the Sourlands, and by providing educational experiences at these sites, focused on the symbiotic relationship between the heritage of the African American community in the Sourlands and the unique and critical ecology of the region.

Teaneck Creek Conservancy

\$4,000

Racial Antibias Training for NJ Environmental Centers

The grant will engage local NJ nature centers in racial nonbias training in order to create an understanding of systemic racism and give their staff and board the resources to create equitable and inclusive natural spaces for people of all races, religions, sexual orientations, and creeds to enjoy, experience, and learn.

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