



Environmental Education Mini-Grant *Sample* Application

Please read all questions before responding. Use only the space provided. Applications must be legible and completed in full.

Project Title: Junior Master Gardening in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Amount Requested: \$250.00

Teacher or Leader's Name: Shirley Sypolt

School or Organization Name & Complete Address: Cooper Elementary, 200 Marcella Road, Hampton, VA 23666

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Tax ID# (required for reporting any money awarded): 54-0000000

Class/Subject/Grade Level/Age Range of Group: 5th Grade

Number of Children Involved in the Project: 25 – 40 students

Summary of Proposal: To work with the Hampton Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in training the 5th grade 4-H students as Junior Master Gardeners. All gardening experiences and activities will stress water conservation and bay friendly landscape techniques. We will be using the National 4-H Junior Master Gardener curriculum. Additional 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will have the opportunity to participate during the April Intersession.

How can you relate the project to the Virginia Standards of Learning? This project has connections to the VA SOL field of science. Specifically scientific investigation, reasoning, and logic (5.1), classifying living things, vascular and nonvascular plants (5.5), as well as interrelationships of Earth and space systems by studying physical and biological characteristics of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean (5.6). Other important SOL that will be met are those that cover Earth patterns, cycles and human impact on the environment (5.7).

Objectives and supporting activities:

- Students will become certified as Bay Friendly Junior Master Gardeners.
- Students will make a photo journal of their gardening experiences.
- Students will visit a local greenhouse, interact with experts and plant and harvest a small crop.

Please provide a detailed breakdown of your project's budget: (Including information on any matching funds received. Please also list name and contact information of the recycling contractor if applying for recycling program materials.) \$100 – to purchase cameras, \$100 – to purchase film processing, & \$50 – for gardening supplies.



Project Summary Form

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Along with the Project Summary Form submitted to HR³ from Copper Elementary were pictures of the projects and activities performed by the students. Pictures are always welcome and will be posted on the website for others to see successful projects happening throughout Hampton Roads.

Here are a few of the many Cooper Elementary School project photos received:



Top: Cooper Elementary Garden Folk Kids, made of 100% recycled materials. These Folk Kids were on display in the butterfly garden for two months and held up in the weather very well!

Middle: Part of the grant money was used to add a flag to the Cooper Elementary Magnet School for Technology's "Liberty Garden"; a memorial for the terrorist attacks on America, 9-11-01.

Right: During the month of October, students collected litter and trash from the campus and promoted their efforts on the school marquee, which read: "Keep Hampton Clean and Green."