



**“Mini-Grants for the Environment”**  
*A Program of Capital Region Community Foundation’s YAC*

**Tips for Teachers**

Teachers are encouraged to integrate this into a curricular theme or class project. To identify a project, a class might brainstorm problems and creative solutions. Subsequent lessons could focus on investigating the cost of budget items, answering questions asked in the application form, and constructing ways to determine how well the project worked.

Teachers are also encouraged to explain the following terms to students:

**Grant** - *a gift, donation, present, or award of money.*

**Proposal** - *an act of explaining a project or program for consideration of a grant award*

**Budget** - *a plan for the coordination of resources and expenses; the amount of money that is required for a particular purpose.*

**Community Foundation** - *a publicly-supported organization that administers and distributes income (money) from funds to community non-profit organizations.*

**Project Ideas for “Mini-Grants for the Environment”**

- Plant a garden at your school
- Learn about endangered species
- Cook a meal from all organic foods grown locally
- Connect with internet sites about environmental protection
- Learn about pollution
- Paint a mural about the environment
- Clean up a local natural area
- Write a play with characters who help protect the environment
- Start a recycle program at your school
- Learn about composting
- Your own imaginative ideas!

See the enclosed “sample” projects funded in previous years for additional ideas.