

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

****January 26**

Deadline for submissions for the Phase I **REMOTE ALASKA COMMUNITIES ENERGY EFFICIENCY (RACEE) COMPETITION** organized by the United States Department of Energy. The objective of RACEE is to empower Alaskan communities and native Alaskan villages to develop effective tools to advance the use of reliable, affordable, and energy efficient solutions that are replicable throughout Alaska and other Arctic regions. Communities that pledge to reduce their energy consumption by at least 15% by 2020 will be eligible to compete for energy efficiency technical assistance. This assistance will provide project readiness assistance such as comprehensive building inventories, building audits, energy use benchmarking, community energy fairs, business plan development, and project financing advice. The communities that receive technical assistance will be eligible to compete for implementation grants. Online Application Portal:

<https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/#FoaId0910a5e2-771f-47f9-a113-f94f10649767>

DE-FOA-0001479: Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance (NOTA) for Remote Alaska Communities Energy Efficiency Competition:

http://acep.uaf.edu/media/161411/Notice_of_Opportunity_for_Technical_Assistance_for_Remote_Alaska_Communities_Energy_Efficiency_Competition-2.pdf

Remote Alaskan Community Energy Efficiency Competition Community Efficiency Champion Pledge: http://acep.uaf.edu/media/161414/Pledge_Form-2.pdf. For more information, contact Katie Conway at the Alaska Energy Authority at kconway@aidea.org or to

AlaskaCompetition@hq.doe.gov. To learn more, go to <http://energy.gov/downloads/fact-sheet-remote-alaska-communities-energy-efficiency-racee-competition>

January 31

Deadline for the **YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS** from the Captain Planet Foundation: Small Grants that supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment. The Foundation provides Small Grants to innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools. Public schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500. Priority is given to projects with matching funds or in-kind support. Application guidelines are available at <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>.

February 3

Deadline for applications for the **NATIONAL FISH and WILDLIFE FOUNDATION: FIVE STAR and URBAN WATERS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM** to develop nationwide community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. The focus is on ecological improvements, including wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and water quality monitoring and stormwater management. The program requires the establishment of diverse partnerships of at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success. Projects must also integrate meaningful

outreach, education, and training into the proposed on-the-ground activities that advance local watershed and conservation goals. Grants for this program are available nationwide, but additional funding is available for specific geographic priorities. Matching grants will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with an average of \$30,000. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website at <http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/pages/home.aspx> to review the Request for Proposals.

February 10

Deadline for submissions for the **K-12 ART & VIDEO CONTEST for the ARCTIC SCIENCE SUMMIT WEEK**. The contest is open to K-12 students everywhere, and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each category. Winners and honorable mention entries will be featured online and on the UAF campus during the conference (March 9 to 20). This year's theme is "Many Lands, One Arctic." Your art or video should spotlight Arctic science, which includes plants, animals, people, food, health, oceans, rivers, ice, glaciers, changing cultures, weather, climate, storms, and fire. Think about how the lands and people of the Arctic are connected. Winners announced: March 1, 2016. See the complete contest rules & guidelines at <https://assw2016.org/engage/contest> and have fun creating Arctic science art!

February 12

Deadline for submissions for the **2017 ALASKA MIGRATORY BIRD CALENDAR CONTEST** (formerly the Goose Calendar Contest), a state-wide poster and literature competition. The theme for the 2017 calendar is "**WORKING TOGETHER to SAVE MIGRATORY BIRDS**". The purpose of the contest is to encourage local children to learn about bird conservation. The contest is open to K-12 students (public, private or home-schooled) residing in or adjacent to the North Slope Borough and the following National Wildlife Refuges: Alaska Maritime, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof, Arctic, Innoko, Izembek, Kodiak, Koyukuk, Nowitna, Selawik, Togiak, Yukon Delta, Yukon Flats, and now, Tetlin may enter. Students living in other communities outside those described above are welcome to compete in the Junior Duck Stamp Contest. There are three ways to Win! 1) Local Contest: When entries arrive at Fish & Wildlife Service offices in February, each office conducts a local contest with the help of 5 local judges. They select winners in each of the four calendar categories for both poster and literature entries (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). Non-successful local entries are returned to their schools. 2) State-wide Contest: Each Fish & Wildlife Service office (there are 13 this coming year) sends their 24 local winning entries to Anchorage for the state-wide contest. Five independent judges select 12 state-wide literature and 12 state-wide poster winners (3 in each of the calendar categories above) to be printed in the 2017 calendar. They also select 1 Grand Prize Literature and 1 Grand Prize Poster winner. Local entries that were not chosen as state-wide winners are sent back to the Fish & Wildlife office from which they came; and 3) Certificates of Appreciation: Every student that submits an entry receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" signed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For more information, contact Laura Whitehouse at laura_whitehouse@fws.gov.

February 12

Deadline to support **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS in ALASKA**. The Alaska Community Forest Council wants to help you celebrate with small grants to host an Arbor Day celebration. Grants from \$100-500 are solicited to plant a tree for Arbor Day, or do other activities that

promote Arbor Day in Alaska highlighting the 50th anniversary. This grant funds projects that: Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day (officially May 16); Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees; Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting and care; and Use trees to solve community problems. (e.g. deal with stormwater, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams or rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic and beautify your schoolyard). These grants are distributed by the Alaska Community Forest Council with a grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources, Div of Forestry, Community Forestry Program, and funding from the US Forest Service. Visit <http://www.forestry.org/alaska/arborday2015/> for more information.

February 16

Deadline for applications for **WATER QUALITY, WATER QUANTITY and AQUATIC HABITAT PROJECTS for FISCAL YEAR 2017**. There are several parts to this solicitation, see the application for full details at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/acwa/onlineACWAapp.htm>. Two categories of projects will be considered for funding through this solicitation for projects occurring during the 2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). The categories are: **1.** Projects that address identified water resource protection or restoration activities on ACWA priority waters. The ACWA Priority Waters List is available as Appendix D in the application. Only applications for waters found on the ACWA Priority Waters List will be accepted. **2.** Projects that address identified statewide or area-wide stewardship activities as described in Appendix C of the application. Applications should be submitted on-line or you can contact a staff member at Northern/Interior: Chandra McGee, 451-2140, chandra.mcgee@alaska.gov; Matsu, Anchorage: Laura Eldred, 376-1855, laura.eldred@alaska.gov; Kenai, Anchorage: Jeanne Swartz, 269-7523, jeanne.swartz@alaska.gov; Southeast: Gretchen Pikul, 465-5023 gretchen.pikul@alaska.gov. Dept. of Environmental Conservation BEACH Grant: Statewide: Gretchen Pikul, 465-5023, gretchen.pikul@alaska.gov. Dept. of Environmental Conservation Grants Administrator: Statewide: Jennifer Pennington, 269-7598, jennifer.pennington@alaska.gov. For more information, a **teleconference will be held on January 28 at 2:30pm to answer any questions**. If you want to participate, call 1-800-315-6338 and enter code # 30662.

March 1

Deadline for applications for the **ALASKA STATE PARK'S 2016 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM** for the summer at the **ERNEST GRUENING STATE HISTORICAL PARK** in Southeast Alaska. Selected artists will spend up to two weeks at the scenic and historic Gruening Cabin from May through September. The cabin, nestled along the coastline of Amalga harbor, was the territorial governor's summer retreat and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Artists who participate in the program will be asked to donate an original piece of artwork inspired by their time at the cabin and to host a community outreach event, such as a workshop, talk, or other presentation. Travel to Juneau and transportation to the cabin will be the artist's responsibility. Artists must also provide their own food, supplies and art materials for their stay. For more information on this program or to download a copy of the application form, please visit <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/artistinresidence.htm>. You may also contact Ryan Thomas at Alaska State Parks at (907) 269-8692, or ryan.j.thomas@alaska.gov.