

The Russell Family Foundation Environmental Education Grants
2018 Year to Date (January – August)

Organization Name & TRFF Designated Counties Served	Amount Granted	Grant Timeline	Overview
After-School All-Stars Puget Sound (ASAS) King County	\$ 20,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the Lifetime Adventures program serving socioeconomically disadvantaged students by providing them with leadership development activities and outdoor environmental education to teach the importance of a healthy lifestyle and social responsibility.
Camp Fire Central Puget Sound King County	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the expansion of off-site environmental education efforts for in-school teaching for schools unable to bring students to the camps due to financial constraints.
Camp Solomon Schechter Thurston County	\$ 7,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the Youth Mentor Training Program, which helps to prepare selected high school students to serve as mentors to elementary school students at the camp, which focuses on hands-on lessons in ecology, teambuilding, and leadership.
Capitol Land Trust Thurston County	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding engagement of community partners and public schools to develop its “Inspiring Kids Preserve” program to be the go-to place for outdoor science, technology, engineering and math learning and nature-play in the South Puget Sound region.
City Fruit King County	\$ 25,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding youth programs for hands on experience with their local environment; develop stronger relationships with local fruit and food; and gain direct access to green job careers and certifications for Master Fruit Tree Stewards.
Clear Creek Trail Alliance Kitsap County	\$ 5,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding programs for nearly 1,000 students who will receive tools and knowledge to determine the quality of water in salmon streams.
Community Boat Project at Puget Sound Voyaging Society Jefferson County	\$ 40,000	March 2018 - March 2020	Funding to connect high school students to environmental stewardship, craftsmanship, marine education and adventure through boatbuilding. The grant helps support the program operation, which serves mostly rural youth in low-income areas.
Delridge Neighborhood Development Association King County	\$ 20,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the Urban Green Space Forest Restoration program, located in Southwest Seattle, offers hands-on experiential environmental education and engages youth in forest restoration.

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Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group King County	\$ 25,000	May 2018 - May 2019	Funding the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, which provides skills for green jobs and stewardship opportunities in their community.
Environmental Science Center King County	\$ 30,000	Nov 2017 – Nov 2018	Funding experiential environmental education programs at local beaches, streams, forests, and classrooms in South King County.
Foss Waterway Seaport Pierce County	\$ 70,000	March 2017 - March 2019	Funding education programs that explore Puget Sound’s rich maritime heritage and teach about the science of the sea. A variety of programs of unique activities bring history alive and help students and educators discover a connection with all marine life in our waterways.
Friends of North Creek Forest King County	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding expansion of their experiential learning programs with students in grades 5-12 and upgrade curriculum to reach approximately 400 students.
Great Peninsula Conservancy Kitsap County	\$ 16,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the start of a new program, Bremerton Urban Roots, which will give opportunities to urban youth in the city of Bremerton to learn about their local environment through hands-on service projects and outdoor environmental experiences.
GRuB (Garden-Raised Bounty) Thurston County	\$ 40,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding their GRuB in the Schools initiative, which is a collaboration among multiple community organizations and education institutions to reduce educational disparities for low-income and disengaged students, while also raising public awareness around issues of food security and environmental sustainability.
Harbor WildWatch Pierce County	\$110,000	March 2017 - March 2019	Funding general operation of the organization to provide environmental education in a variety of unique, interactive educational activities for kids, adults, families and visitors of the greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities.
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Kitsap County	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding supports hiring of additional staff to deliver more programs to youth, such as classroom learning opportunities for 1,000 local students and hands-on training and field work experiences.

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Nisqually Indian Tribe Thurston County	\$ 20,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the NETT in educating Nisqually Tribal youth and young adults about natural resources; environmental restoration and protection; and tribal sovereignty and history.
Nisqually Reach Nature Center Thurston and Pierce Counties	\$ 60,000	March 2018 - March 2020	Funding general operation of the organization to promote understanding, appreciation and conservation of the Nisqually estuary through education, interpretation and citizen science to approximately 2,200 students each year.
Olalla Elementary PTA Kitsap County	\$ 5,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding for Olalla Elementary school with approximately 325 students, supports two projects at the school: Triangle Park (a STEM environmental education space) and the creation of a community garden.
Pacific Shellfish Institute Thurston and Pierce Counties	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding for programming of marine-based environmental education to approximately 1,000 students.
Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation Kitsap County	\$ 25,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe youth through a combination of tribal elders' knowledge and modern environmental science on stewardship, renewable resources and the environment of Port Gamble Bay.
Port Townsend Marine Science Center Kitsap County	\$ 20,000	March 2017 - December 2018 (extension requested in March 2018)	Funding the Center's Whales of the Salish Sea program for fifth grade students to explore the marine environment and develop an ethic of stewardship. The grant supports David Wolfe Elementary in Kitsap County.
Port Townsend Marine Science Center Kitsap County	\$ 14,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding the Center's Whales of the Salish Sea program for fifth grade students to explore the marine environment and develop an ethic of stewardship. The grant supports the 2018/2019 program, which will serve David Wolfe Elementary in Kitsap County.
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance King County	\$ 25,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding a partnership with Unleash the Brilliance (UTB) for a paid summer internship program for UTB's Youth Leaders. The youth leaders will participate in training workshops, help develop a model for reviving lost creeks and work to restore the Springbrook Creek.

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Salish Sea Expeditions King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Thurston	\$ 70,000	November 2017 - November 2019	Funding supports general operations of Salish Sea Expeditions that inspires youth to connect with the marine environment through boat-based scientific inquiry and hands-on learning, instilling curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking.
Seattle Tilth Association King County	\$ 20,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding supports the Seattle School Garden Network, the only local service providing a high level of support to teachers, parents, community-members and other stakeholders invested in school gardens and sustainability.
South Sound Estuary Association Thurston County	\$ 50,000	March 2017 - March 2019	Funding supports general operation of the organization with a mission to foster learning opportunities that inspire students to connect with, protect, and enjoy the unique estuary environment of south Puget Sound.
Sustainable Ambassadors King County	\$ 60,000	March 2018 - March 2020	Funding a team of 43 student leaders representing 8 school districts and 15 cities in King County that work to develop community sustainability. The grant supports operation of the program, which empowers youth to catalyze community sustainability.
University of Washington Botanic Gardens King County	\$ 15,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding to expand programming at the UW Botanic Gardens to better reach high school students, beyond those who can afford extra-curricular enrichment opportunities, to provide a variety of experiential learning opportunities.
University of Washington Foundation (Mount Rainier Institute) Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, King	\$ 70,000	November 2017 - November 2019	Funding supports student participation from schools in our region with in-depth, multi-day programs focusing on science/STEM education.
Western Washington University Foundation Kitsap County	\$ 25,000	December 2017 - December 2018	Funding for the SEA Discovery Center’s work to develop and implement curriculum specific to the marine ecosystem in Poulsbo that serves the community as a public aquarium and marine environmental education resource for the school districts, families, and learners of all ages.
Wild Society Kitsap County	\$ 5,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding to help launch the Adventure Naturalist program to connect youth of Kitsap County with local wilderness areas monthly throughout the school-year. The program will focus on gratitude, natural science, personal awareness and leadership.

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YMCA of Greater Seattle - Camp & Outdoor Leadership King County	\$ 70,000	March 2017 - March 2019	Funding supports general operation of the Earth Service Corps program, which is a national YMCA program founded in 1989. YESC is an innovative youth-led program that empowers students to take a hands-on role in creating a healthier environment in their schools, communities and region while nurturing a respect for diversity within the natural world.
YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties Pierce and Kitsap Counties	\$ 25,000	March 2018 - March 2019	Funding provides scholarships for youth in grades 4-8 to participate in environmental education programs at YMCA Camp Seymour.