



## Outdoor Education Learning Center Grant

### Eligibility & Guidelines for Applying

- If awarded, grant funds can be applied to purchase equipment and structures that support the installation or improvement of an outdoor education learning center (OELC) at a school.
- OELCs include but are not limited to pollinator gardens, greenhouses, fruit/vegetable gardens, rain gardens, sitting areas and picnic tables, and compost equipment. Please note we will not be funding construction of playgrounds or the expansion of playgrounds.
- Any K-12 school within New Hanover County is eligible to apply. This includes public schools, private schools, and charter schools.
- Who can apply? Any school employee or partner organization representative may apply, but the application must be signed by a school administrator.
- How does it work? If approved, a Soil & Water Conservation District employee will work with the school's team to purchase necessary supplies for the project. Funding is available through direct purchase and/or reimbursement.
- Each school is eligible to receive one grant per school year.
- Grant amounts:
  - Up to \$1,000 for on-campus learning centers structures and equipment.
- There is no application deadline, but funds are limited. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. If a grant is not awarded, the applicant is encouraged to reapply the following fiscal year.
- If awarded, the applicant will be required to provide a report upon the project's completion including photographs.

### How To Apply

1. Fill out one of the OELC Application (below).
2. Return the completed application form along with any additional supporting documentation you would like included via email (preferred) to [soilwater@nhcgov.com](mailto:soilwater@nhcgov.com) or by mail:

New Hanover Soil & Water Conservation District  
230 Government Center Drive, Ste. 100  
Wilmington, NC 28403



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Application Form: On-Campus Structure and Equipment

### Applicant Information

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Role within the School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

Type of School (i.e. private, public): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) of students: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of classes that will utilize the area or equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Course subject of class(es) that will benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students who will benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

% Of students on free/reduced lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Title One school? \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Description

Please provide a description of your project and the equipment and structures that you hope to purchase with these grant funds, including a general time frame. You are encouraged to share supporting documents (i.e. photographs, plans, website links, etc.) as attachments to this application.

Total Cost of Structure or Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

What specific items will be purchased or installed with the grant funds?

How will the proposed structure or equipment help students address topics being taught in class and benefit them overall?

## Project Description

Please describe how the structure or equipment will be maintained over time, including during summer breaks and extreme weather events.

If a New Hanover County School, have you notified the NHC Schools Facility Planning and Construction Department about the project? If so, has your project been approved?

Please explain the process you will undergo if/when equipment needs to be replaced or repaired.

Do you plan to work with partner groups to install/maintain the project? If so, who and in what capacity?

### Authorization

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that this application was completed with true and accurate information. If we are successful in receiving funding, we will use those funds in accordance with our outlined project plan and budget. We will notify the New Hanover Soil & Water Conservation District if any of the information in the application changes.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Administrator Information & Approval

Name of Administrator (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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