



CO-OP Pre Application

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If you are applying for the next available deadline, please feel free to complete this pre-application to determine if your project is eligible (Note: Pre-applications are optional). Pre-Applications must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the next deadline which is February 1, 2016.

Thank you for visiting the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP). This grant provides funding for tax-exempt organizations to introduce participants to environmental and conservation programs as well as outdoor recreation program which fit the Texas Parks and Wildlife mission. Please review the [CO-OP Grant Information](#) to determine if this grant fits your needs.

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Pre-Application Terms and Conditions

To submit an application for the Community Outdoor Outreach Program you must be a tax exempt organization, non-political group, or local government. Religious groups are eligible only if non-religious activities are planned. Each applicant must submit its Federal Tax Identification Number as part of the CO-OP Application Form. Applicants must be in good standing with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to be eligible and to receive any reimbursements. Previous CO-OP Grant recipients can apply once every two years as long as all funds have been properly spent, and all grants have been properly closed out. All final documentation must be turned in at least thirty days prior to the next funding deadline.

Responses Selected:

Yes, I agree with the above terms

How does your proposal satisfy the TPWD Recreation Grants mission?

TPWD Recreation Grants Mission Statement is to assist communities in providing recreation and conservation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center has developed plans to host a summer youth program providing inquiry based environmental education experiences for up to 350, 8-16 year olds, within the City of Corpus Christi and its surrounding communities.

- Students will participate in hands on learning experiences featuring local scientists, TPWD Interpreters, and staff.
- Program field trip locations include TPWD facilities such as Mustang Island State Park and the TPWD CCA Fish Hatchery.
- Program curriculum incorporates technology using TPWD Nature Trackers app on tablets in the field.
- The program strives to include any interested student by offering scholarships to those unable to pay the registration fees.
- The program plans to offer transportation to an after-care facility at the Oso Recreation Center. This service may help accommodate economically disadvantaged youth from Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas.

Give a brief description of your proposed one year project:

Observing Science Outdoors (OSO) GUARDIANS

Summer Youth Program

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve Summer Youth Programs, creates informed young stewards of our environment.

Program Mission: Enhance young scientist's environmental literacy through learner centered, hands-on, minds-on investigation of environmental issues affecting Corpus Christi community and its coastal wetlands.

This mission will be accomplished through week-long non-formal environmental education that supports understanding of stewardship, environmental responsibility, and inquiry based science. Students will research various environmental concerns facing Corpus Christi and investigate how these issues impact the Preserve.

The Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center would like to host eight sessions of a one week summer program for students entering the 2nd-9th grade. The program will consist of ½ day environmental education activities focus on issues affecting the Coastal Bend. Sessions include, guest scientists, field trips and service projects. Students will be introduced to different environmental concerns that face the Coastal Bend and then asked to investigate these issues throughout the week. They will use their experiences from the week (field trips, guest speakers, service projects) to create a short presentation on what they learned and how they think residents of the community can take action or help the issue. The program will be evaluated by the quality of student presentations.

How will the CO-OP funds be used in this project?

Funds will be used for the following:

Program Staff Salaries (Up to 40%)

Ed. Coordinator Salary

Part Time Staff

Staff Training Week

First Aid CPR Training

Transportation

Field Trip Mileage

Driver Fee

Aftercare Mileage

Supplies

Staff/Student T-Shirts

Water Bottles

Name Tags

Journal Supplies

22 iPad minis

22 Waterproof iPad mini Cases

12 Tandem Ocean Kayaks

Kayak Trailer

Fishing Kits

Pencils

Student Support

32 Scholarships

Requested State Assistance \$34,899.20

City of Corpus Christi (Local) Financial Share (27%match) \$12,760.00

Total Cost \$47,659.20

Is your tax exempt status in good standing?

If you are unsure of your Tax Exempt Status, [click here](#) to visit Texas Comptrollers Website to search your status.

Yes

Organization Name

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center - City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation

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Submit Pre-Application for TPWD Review

Once you have completed your pre-application that you must choose 'Submit' below to send the pre-application for TPWD review. You will receive an email confirming your submission. Thank you for taking the time to complete the CO-OP Pre-Application. Please allow 3 business days in order to receive our feedback.