

March 8, 2023

**Announcing the Friends of Pleasant Bay 2023-2024 Competitive Grants Cycle
And a NEW Website**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Friends of Pleasant Bay (FoPB) 2023-2024 Competitive Grants Cycle and a **NEW** FoPB website. The FoPB Application Guidelines for an opportunity to request educational funds from The Friends of Pleasant Bay are available on our website. Over the past 28 years, each of the towns surrounding Pleasant Bay has benefited at some time from the educational grants successfully written by staff in schools or organizations. Overall awarded funds per year have been about \$15,000, with schools and organizations in Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans completing grant work during the current school year. We welcome participation from any school or organization in the Pleasant Bay watershed.

We are proud to say our grant program has been successful due to the diligence of committed teachers and administrators, and through the donations of the many members of FoPB. There are over 1,500 students who are benefitting from FoPB grant experiences during the current school year, while many additional students, parents, staff and community members indirectly benefit through exposure to the students' work when shared.

Returning this year, thanks to the popularity of the experiences provided by The Friend of Pleasant Bay floating classroom research vessel (FC/RV). Due to the high volume of requested funds during the previous year's cycle, the FoPB Education Committee has been working with Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB), the operators of the vessel, to offer the lowest possible rates for our grant applicants. Guidelines on how to request funds are attached to the grant application, as well as, posted on our website. Please note that applications not using the correct values may not be accepted.

Both the grant application and the funding guidelines will be available on the Friends of Pleasant Bay website: friendsofpleasantbay.org. **Please be aware that all proposals must be submitted ONLINE by May 1, 2023.** Grants submitted will be approved based on correlation to the Mission of the Friends of Pleasant Bay. Grant recipients will be announced by Late May/Early June.

Our FoPB Education Committee looks forward to hearing from you!

Corliss Primavera, Chair
Friends of Pleasant Bay Education Committee

Friends of Pleasant Bay, P.O. Box 1243, Harwich, MA 02645:
friendsofpleasantbay.org/grants/apply

HISTORY & MISSION

For nearly 40 years, the Friends of Pleasant Bay has encouraged innovative and educational projects centered on the Bay through an annual competitive grant program. The program is open to public and private schools in the Pleasant Bay watershed area of the towns of Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans. Among its many efforts to support the health of the Bay and its watershed, the grants have enabled thousands of students to acquaint themselves through projects that advance the Committee's mission:

- Promote education, research & public awareness of the bay area as one of critical environmental concern and as a valuable and important natural resource
- Preserve open space and retain the visual quality of the bay area
- Preserve the environmental integrity of the bay shore and cultivate future bay stewards
- Explore habitat protection & retention of rich biological diversity and productivity
- Retain & enhance public access to the bay shorelines
- Preserve natural and historic sites associated with the bay
- Promote public awareness of the historic Indigenous culture and Pleasant Bay.

GRANT PERIOD CYCLE

Grants will be for implementation beginning on or after **July 1, 2023**. This includes the **2023-2024** school year.

GRANTS CONDITIONS:

- Grants may be used for bay related student fieldwork, teacher training, supportive equipment, hardware, software and/or any activity which addresses the stated FoPB mission.
- Funding will not be given for field trips that do not utilize Pleasant Bay, student lunches and/or activities that do not address the stated mission.
- The grant is required to indicate administrative approval and alignment with school policy and educational goals. We expect teachers to have received the principal's approval prior to submission of the application.
- The Project Director will submit a final end-of-cycle written report by July 31, 2024, to the email address of the Education Committee (grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org) reporting on completed project.
- At the teacher's convenience, a member of FoPB would like to visit the class or an activity associated with the grant project.
- Grant recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the FoPB Annual Meeting in July to display results of their work for the membership to review and celebrate.
- If the grant is awarded, the Project Director's signature will be required on the FoPB Conditions of Acceptance Letter. In addition, a signature will be required from the Project Director on the year-end report provided to FoPB stating that the grant funds were allocated as earmarked.

- If the grant is awarded and not used during the 2023-2024 grant cycle, funds will be returned to FoPB for use in a future grant cycle.

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING REQUESTS OF PLEASANT BAY COMMUNITY BOATING'S FLOATING CLASSROOM RESEARCH VESSEL:

There are several pricing options for the use of the Floating Classroom Research Vessel (FC/RV) that are available specifically for FoPB grant recipients. These pricing options are the best rates available. Please use the below pricing options when requesting funds for your grant application.

- Three hours aboard the FC/RV Prices:
 - Without a naturalist \$500
 - With a naturalist \$600
 - To add a teaching assistant and a naturalist so that there will be TWO workstations \$650
 - With a teaching assistant and no naturalist \$545

Prices allow for 29 people, including chaperones, per trip. Remember to account for any naturalist and assistant when planning numbers of students to take on a trip. Teachers are responsible for providing an adequate chaperone ratio to provide for appropriate supervision of the students in their care. Remember to include all chaperones, naturalists and assistants in the "total count," which may not exceed 29 per trip.

The use of the FC/RV is managed by Pleasant Bay Community Boating, not the Friends of Pleasant Bay. For questions scheduling and/or use of the FC/RV, please contact Pleasant Bay Community

Boating. If rates change or are updated, FoPB will do its best to contact you, as soon as possible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- All applications must be received by **May 1, 2023**.
- Please pay attention to the instructions on how to fill out the grant application
- Forward completed grant application to the Education Committee email address (grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org). Please save your application in this format:
School_ Last Name_ Year of Application (Monomoy_Smith_2023) as a PDF file.
- The selection of recipients will be made by the Education Grants Committee, along with final approval by the FoPB Board of Directors.
- Current recipients will be announced in **Late May/Early June 2023**.
- If the grant is awarded, the FoPB Conditions of Acceptance Letter must be mailed via hard copy by **June 15, 2023**, to:
Friends of Pleasant Bay, PO Box 1243, Harwich, MA 02645

FRIENDS OF PLEASANT BAY COMPETITIVE ROLLING GRANT OVERVIEW

GRANT OVERVIEW:

The Friends of Pleasant Bay (FoPB) encourage innovative educational projects, centered on the bay through a Competitive Rolling Grant Program, open to all organizations in the towns of Chatham, Orleans, Harwich and Brewster. Approval of submitted grants will be based on project alignment with and promotion of the FoPB Mission.

GRANT MISSION:

- To promote education, research and public awareness of the Bay area as one of critical environmental concern and as a valuable and important natural resource
- To preserve open space and to retain visual quality of the Bay area
- To preserve the environmental integrity of the Bay shore and cultivate future Bay stewards
- To ensure Bay habitat protection and retention of rich biological diversity and productivity
- To retain and enhance public access to the Bay's shoreline
- To preserve natural and historic sites associated with the Bay

To promote public awareness of historic Native American culture and the Bay

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To be considered for a FoPB Competitive Rolling Grant please submit a Letter of Inquiry to:

Friends of Pleasant Bay Attn: Rolling Grants

By Email To: grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org

OR By Mail To: PO Box 1243 Harwich, MA 02645

Please include a brief overview of your school or organization, the project you wish to request funds for, and the amount of funds you are requesting. Letters are reviewed by the Friends of Pleasant Bay Board of Directors at monthly meetings. You should receive a response within two months of your Letter of Inquiry. If the FoPB Board is interested in your project you may be asked to submit a formal grant application to the Board.