



FROM: North Carolina Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council
DATE: July 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council GO Grant Eligibility and Guidelines

A) GO Grant Award Amounts:

1. Up to \$15,000 for on campus learning centers/structures and greenhouses.
2. Up to \$2,500 for outdoor on campus activities.
3. Up to \$3,000 for off campus field trips.
4. The Council will determine the amount awarded to 501c-3 organizations, businesses, and other entities on a case-by-case bases.

B) Eligibility:

1. Schools - Public, Private, Charter, Homeschool Associations and Residential Facilities. Residential Facilities includes Children's Homes, where children may attend a local school but live on campus.
2. 501c-3 Organizations and Businesses - They must have the capability for a regional or statewide impact with their organization/business, their mission should align with OHAC and further OHAC's mission or have the capability to adopt OHAC's mission and brand.
3. Priority will be given to GO Grant applications targeting underserved youth between the ages of 4 and 16 who are not traditionally outdoors or do not have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities.

C) Application:

1. The application must be completed in its entirety, no sections shall be left blank. Failure to fill in all questions will result in your application being rejected.
2. The application must be signed and dated by the applicant and witness.
3. Should changes to the application need to be made, before or after a GO Grant has been approved, the applicant must complete a GO Grant Amendment Form.

D) GO Grant Funds:

1. An outdoor learning classroom must be able to accommodate an entire class.
2. Shipping cost cannot exceed more than 5% of the amount requested in the application.
3. No funds shall be spent on any items that were not approved by the Council in the GO Grant Application or GO Grant Amendment Form.
4. Should a GO Grant Recipient improperly spend GO Grant funds, the Council will require the entity to return ALL funds improperly spent.
5. The funds must be expended by the recipient within 60 days of receipt.
 - a. Should a recipient need to go beyond the 60-day deadline please contact the Council for approval.
6. Within 30 days of completion the applicant must submit receipts to the Council.

- b. Proof of purchase is required. We cannot accept invoices or order forms that do not clearly show proof the funds have been paid out. The Council requires proof of payment via a receipt, bank statement or copy of cancelled check.
 - 7. Within 30 days of completion the applicant must return all unspent funds to the Council.
 - 8. Within 30 days of completion the applicant must submit photos to ohac.grants@nc.gov.
- E) 501c-3 Organizations and Business Projects/Partnerships:
- 1. Facilities partnering with OHAC must adopt Outdoor Heritage programming and OHAC signage.
 - 2. Grant Selection Committee shall consider geographic diversity when approving grants.