



## Annual Curriculum Grant Cycle for Local Educators ~ 2026-2027 ~

Dear Educational Leader:

The Education Committee of the Friends of Pleasant Bay (FoPB) is pleased to announce the opening of the Annual Curriculum Grant cycle for local educators. Each year, FoPB awards several competitive grants of up to \$5,000 to area teachers to develop curriculum and complete projects that support FoPB's mission.

**The grant application is at the bottom of this document. To apply, please print the application, fill it out, scan, and email it to [grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org](mailto:grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org).**

Please share this news with teachers at your school.

### GRANT HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

For over 40 years, the Friends of Pleasant Bay has encouraged innovative and educational projects centered on Pleasant Bay through an annual competitive grant program, open to all schools in the towns of Chatham, Orleans, Harwich, and Brewster, the Nauset Regional District, and the Cape Cod Regional Technical School. Approval of submitted grants will be based on project alignment with and promotion of the FOPB Mission.

### GRANT PERIOD

Grants will be for implementation beginning on or after July 1, 2026, a period including the 2026-2027 school year. **(Note: Teachers interested in receiving a grant for spring 2026 field trips should apply for a Rolling Grant instead.**

### FoPB MISSION

To preserve and advocate for the extraordinary environmental, cultural and recreational significance of Pleasant Bay and its watershed through public education, research and land protection.

### GRANT CONDITIONS

- Grants may be used for Pleasant Bay-related student fieldwork, teacher training, supportive equipment, hardware, software and/or any activity which addresses FoPB's stated mission.
- Funding will not be given for field trips that do not utilize Pleasant Bay, and/or activities that do not address FoPB's stated mission. Funding will not be provided for student lunches.
- 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 application.

- Grant recipients will submit a written report of their grant progress by January 15, 2027, to the FoPB Education email address: [grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org](mailto:grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org).
- At the teacher's convenience, a member of FoPB may arrange to visit the class or an activity associated with the FoPB Grant project.
- Recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the FoPB Annual Meeting in July or August to display results of their work for the Membership to view and celebrate.
- If the grant is awarded, a principal's signature will be required on the FoPB *Conditions of Acceptance Letter*. In addition, a signature will be required from the principal on a year-end report provided by FoPB stating that the grant funds were allocated as earmarked.
- If the grant is awarded and not used during the 2026-27 grant cycle, funds will be returned to FoPB for use in a future grant cycle.
- Grantees will provide public acknowledgement (website, press release, communications with stakeholders, etc.) that the project/initiative/staff/program was fully or partially funded with a grant from FoPB.
- Grantees will submit products (e.g., high resolution photographs, PowerPoint presentations, or other media as appropriate) documenting the activities made possible by the grant.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- All applications must be received by May 1, 2026.
- Please pay attention to the instructions on completing the grant application.
- Forward completed grant applications to [grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org](mailto:grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org).
- Please save your application in this format: *School.Last Name.Year of Application* (e.g., *Monomoy.Smith.2026*) as a PDF
- The selection of recipients will be made by the FoPB Education Grants Committee along with final approval of the FoPB Board of Directors.
- Grant recipients will be announced late May/early June 2026.
- If a grant is awarded, the recipient will receive a *Friends of Pleasant Bay Conditions of Acceptance* letter, which must be filled out and **returned by mail or email by June 17, 2026**.
  - *Mailing address:* Friends of Pleasant Bay, PO Box 1243, Harwich, MA 02645
  - *Email address:* [grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org](mailto:grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org).

Applicants interested in including a field trip through Pleasant Bay Community Boating in their proposal can find information here:

<https://pbcbb.org/programs/marine-science-education/floating-classroom/>

Contact [grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org](mailto:grants@friendsofpleasantbay.org) with any questions about this program.



**FRIENDS OF PLEASANT BAY**  
**2026-2027 COMPETITIVE CURRICULUM GRANT APPLICATION**

Please download this PDF first and then fill out the form. If this document is opened in a web browser, your information will not be saved.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Funds Requested**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide the following information in your grant proposal:**

1. Brief statement of proposal, including the subject area disciplines involved:

2. Brief list of project goals and objectives:

3. Number of students involved:

4. Evidence that will denote accomplishment of project goals and objectives:

5. Explanation of how grant proposal supports FoPB MISSION and purposes (visit <http://www.friendsofpleasantbay.org/> for more information on FoPB Mission):

6. Detailed project budget/cost analysis, including expenses and funding from other potential sources. Please do not forget to include line items for any associated travel costs and/or FC/RV costs (if requesting funds for those purposes):

7. Any additional support materials (Note: If attaching a document to the application, please use this format *School.Last Name. Year of Application.Attach "X"* (e.g., *Monomoy.Smith.2026.Attach 1*):

8. Any additional information as deemed important by the applicant (if attaching a document to the application please use this format: *School.Last Name. Year of Application.Attach "X"* (ex. *Monomoy.Smith.2026.Attach 1*):

**By checking this box**, I confirm that I have discussed my grant application and the grant conditions associated with an FoPB grant with my principal and have received his/her permission to submit it. My signature below indicates that I, and my principal, agree to the grant conditions in the FoPB grant overview and have thoroughly reviewed my application.

**Applicant Signature (can be an electronic signature)**      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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