



DuPont Clear into the Future

Delaware Estuary and Watershed Grant and Fellowship Program

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Calendar Year 2010

1.0 Background

Clear into the Future is a corporately sponsored program of DuPont whose vision is to enhance awareness, involvement, and understanding of the ecological and commercial value and history of the Delaware Estuary and associated watershed.

A key element of Clear into the Future is the Delaware Estuary and Watershed Grant Program which provides tangible support to conservation non-profit organizations, and academic institutions for efforts that can lead to community involvement and/or measurable and meaningful improvements for the Delaware Estuary and the watershed.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding for projects, initiatives or events that are aligned with the vision of Clear into the Future and that are sponsored by non-profit 501(c) organizations and academic institutions.

3.0 Areas of Focus

1. Development of a publicly accessible, watershed information clearinghouse or database.
2. Regional restoration and research initiatives including but not limited to:
 - a. Natural resource valuation (monetary and non-monetary) directed at the ecological, commercial or recreational aspects of the Delaware Estuary.
 - b. Projects designed to improve standing stocks of and / or the knowledge base for plants and animals that support crucial elements of ecological structure and function, recreational activities and / or commercial harvests; and improved public access to the Estuary.
3. Application of holistic, watershed or ecosystem approaches to understanding critical chemical, physical or biological problems within the Estuary, and similar application of these methods to informing policy or management decisions by state and federal groups, non-governmental groups, and local communities and businesses.
4. Development and application of green or sustainable technologies that support the protection and conservation of important chemical, physical or biological properties of the Delaware Estuary.
5. Initiatives or events that inform, involve or drive community participation to help protect and preserve the Delaware Estuary.



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4.0 Application and Selection Process

The selection of the successful grantee(s) will be at the discretion of DuPont, provided the organization(s) has/have met the requirements specified in these guidelines. The evaluation will be based on, but may not be limited to the proposed project's ability to: (a) expand current scientific knowledge; (b) benefit and advance regional restoration or watershed/ecosystem initiatives for the estuary and the watershed; and (c) implement conservation or restoration projects that demonstrate a tangible improvement in the Estuary. For previous Clear into the Future grant recipients, past performance will also be a consideration in evaluation of new proposals.

5.0 Implementation

DuPont shall provide funding in amounts up to \$25,000 for calendar year 2010 and will evaluate proposals for amounts greater than this at its discretion. DuPont may consider renewing the project funding for additional years contingent upon the following:

1. The availability of funding.
2. Successful completion of the project(s) goals and deliverables/outcomes during previous years of funding.
3. Continued focus on an area that aligns with the vision of Clear into the Future.
4. Timely submission to DuPont of written documentation of progress against the project's stated goals.

6.0 Special Requirements

1. The organization shall provide a formal, written request for this funding on or before 5 pm EST on March 9, 2010. A written acknowledgement of the funding shall be provided to DuPont, via the contact in section 7.0 of this document, within 30 days of receipt of funding notification. The organization shall recognize and publicize the awarding of the DuPont Clear into the Future grant in a manner consistent with its other grants and research programs. Any reports, databases, and publications, etc. (reports, peer reviewed journal articles, scientific meeting abstracts, presentations at scientific meetings, etc.) shall specifically recognize and cite the sponsorship of the DuPont Clear into the Future grant. Copies of any reports, databases, publications, slide presentations, scientific society abstracts, etc. shall be provided to DuPont at the time of their public release or publication. After notifying the organization verbally or in writing, at its discretion DuPont reserves the right, subject to appropriate copyright considerations, to: 1) publicize these in print or other media; 2) post / link them to our Clear into the Future website; 3) distribute the materials to the public and other interested groups; and 4) include the findings or outcomes in other print or electronic products pertaining to Clear into the Future. In recognition of these reservation of rights, DuPont agrees to confer and coordinate with the organization prior to taking action on the above items, and will, upon request, reciprocate by posting related documents, reports, etc. from the organization that are relevant to the vision of Clear into the Future.



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2. Within 60 days of completing a funding year, the organization shall provide a copy (on suitable storage device such as CD or DVD) of their findings or outcomes, data tables and spreadsheets, publications, presentations, abstracts, reports, community turnout, etc. In the event the funding results in publication (peer reviewed journal article, book chapter, etc.), the organization shall be considered in compliance with the requirement for a written summary by providing that publication to DuPont as noted above (CD or DVD). DuPont reserves the right to request all qualified physical, chemical and biological data generated under the Clear into the Future Program for inclusion into its electronic, environmental data bases. As it pertains to the results of their research, and at the request of DuPont, the organization may be required to participate in seminars, webinars, to be interviewed by local video and/or print media, or to speak at public events within the Delaware Valley. At a minimum, the organization shall participate in a forum at our offices in Wilmington, Delaware to present their findings or outcomes and discuss areas where further funding would be useful.
3. During the funding cycle the recipient shall provide a written summary of progress against stated goals. The written summary shall be submitted to DuPont every 90 days beginning from the date funding is granted. Written documentation can be provided by email or surface mail to Ms. Sally Prosser at the address identified in section 7.0.
4. Grant funds shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. None of the funds may be used for general administrative or overhead charges at the grantee organization.
 - b. The funds shall be used only by the grantee organization for the identified project(s).
 - c. Project(s) should be completed or largely completed (>90%) by the end of calendar year 2010.

7.0 Application Process

For consideration, applicants must submit a completed grant request form.

This request shall include brief descriptions of:

1. The requesting organization.
2. The project(s) or event(s) and relation to the focus areas of the Clear into the Future program.
3. Specific goals/objectives, deliverables/outcomes, and associated timeline and budget.

8.0 Contact and Application Deadline

Questions should be directed to:

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Wilmington, Delaware, 19805
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Application deadline for 2010 funding: 5 pm EST, March 9, 2010.