

Announcing 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity for NOAA's Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program

Applications due February 29, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. ET

NOAA's Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) 2024 Federal Funding Opportunity is now open. This competitive grant program supports environmental and place-based educational programs in the Great Lakes watershed. Successful projects provide [Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences \(MWEEs\)](#) for students and related professional development for teachers, while advancing regional Great Lakes watershed education priorities.

The FY24 [Great Lakes B-WET program](#) funding opportunity focuses on the following priority areas: 1) new projects not previously funded, 2) systemic MWEE implementation reaching students in one or more grades and including teacher professional development, or 3) capacity building for expanded statewide K-12 environmental literacy initiatives. Applicants must choose one priority. For Great Lakes B-WET, applicants may be located in any U.S. state; however, education projects must target students and teachers in the Great Lakes region. For the purposes of this solicitation, the Great Lakes region includes counties in the Great Lakes watershed in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

For applications to Priority 1, the total amount that may be requested should not exceed \$80,000. For Priority 2, the total amount that may be requested should not exceed \$150,000. For Priority 3, the total amount that may be requested should not exceed \$200,000. Awards periods can be up to 24 months. The Great Lakes B-WET program is funded through the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#).

The Notice of Funding Opportunity includes information on the application process and evaluation criteria for proposals. Access the full notice and apply at [Grants.gov](#), search NOAA-NOS-ONMS-2024-2008196

Informational webinar about the FY 2024 Great Lakes B-WET funding announcement will be held:

Tuesday, December 12 at 2:00 – 3:00pm EST

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/sus-teiu-fgg>

Or dial: (US) +1 505-585-3994 PIN: 640 059 938#

For additional resources on developing an application and examples of previously funded projects go to the [Great Lakes B-WET website](#).

Areas served: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Questions? Please contact the Great Lakes B-WET program coordinator: sarah.a.waters@noaa.gov or (989) 884-6204



Students from Coolidge Elementary School sort through leaf packs to find benthic macroinvertebrates during their spring monitoring sampling day. Photo Credit: Friends of the Rouge