

Chapter Grant Program Guidelines

Our Chapter has received several grants over the past year to support our mission to provide education, outreach, and service to benefit the natural environment of the Galveston Bay Area. The Kempner Foundation provided a \$2300.00 grant to fund a Jr. Master Naturalist program in one of the Galveston ISD schools. We also received a \$500.00 grant from the Magnolia Charitable Trust and this was used to fund the Treasures of the Bay program to educate local school teachers about this area.

We now have three additional grants for \$500.00 each. Two are from Exxon-Mobil and one from the Texas State Master Naturalist Office. We want to use these funds, and other grants we may receive to further advance our mission to promote the environmental education and stewardship of Galveston Bay area. We are soliciting suggestions from the Chapter membership on how to use these funds.

Any suggestions should be consistent with the following guidelines:

The grant funds should provide environmental education to the public or to Chapter membership, with priority given to projects that benefit the community. This can be youth or adult programs.

Grant funds can be applied to new programs or expansion of existing programs.

The funds can be used for Advanced Training for the Chapter or to develop outreach programs similar to Advanced Training but geared to the community.

Funds can be used to purchase equipment or supplies.

Funds shall not be used for scholarships.