



BPA awards community education grants

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PORT ANGELES, Wash. - The Port Angeles Education Foundation's Edison Project received a \$2,367.50 grant today from the Bonneville Power Administration.

The grant is one of 13 such grants given throughout the Northwest as part of BPA's Education Program. The grants will support projects that teach environmental awareness and energy efficiency to elementary, middle and high school students.

"Northwest educators are seeing tighter budgets," said Joan McNamara, BPA's education coordinator. "Organizations like BPA should help find creative ways to supplement the shrinking education dollar. As an organization committed to supporting education in the Northwest, BPA is proud to award this grant to the Edison Project."

The grant awarded the Port Angeles Education Foundation will help students and teachers at Jefferson Elementary School reduce energy usage in their 1920s vintage building. The multi-disciplined program will incorporate social studies as the students study historical and current natural resource use in the Port Angeles, science as the students learn about different energy sources and math as they compare the relative costs of energy production and use. In the Energy Patrol, students will learn and practice leadership skills. The patrol is responsible for monitoring energy use in the school and reminding students and teachers to use energy wisely.

As students from Jefferson learn about energy conservation and find ways to save energy in their school, they will share what they have learned with students from other schools. The program is expected to reach over 2,300 Port Angeles elementary school students by the end of the school year.

"We try to be on the look-out for opportunities like this to join our customer utilities to promote education and energy conservation in the Northwest," said Chuck Foreman, BPA account executive.

The Edison Project also is sponsored by Port Angeles City Light and Clallam County Youth 2000.

The other 12 grant recipients are:

- Water Awareness Week 1997 sponsored by the Idaho Department of Water Resources
- The Montana Energy Calendar sponsored by the 1997 Montana Energy Education Council
- Salmon Camp sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Ore.
- Plant a Tree, Save a Fish sponsored by the Public Power Council and the Yakama Indian Nation

Salmon Corps, Portland, Ore.

- The OCEEE Grant Program sponsored by the Oregon Collaboration for Energy, Education and the Environment, Portland, Ore.
- Salmon Watch sponsored by Oregon Trout, Portland, Ore.
- Classroom Workshops sponsored by Snohomish County Washington Public Utility District #1
- Meet Mr. Electricity sponsored by the Columbia Valley Gardens Elementary School in Longview, Wash.
- Energy, Environment and Community sponsored by the Energy Outreach Center in Olympia, Wash.
- The Richland Summer Science Camp sponsored by the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology; Richland, Wash.
- Salmon Education and Restoration sponsored by the Toppenish Washington School District #202.
- Lake Roosevelt Water Festival sponsored by the Lake Roosevelt Water Festival Planning Committee in Colville, Wash.

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