

Tri-City Ecology Center

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Youth Eco-Grant Application

Your Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Organization/School _____

Type of Project _____

Amount of Funding Requested _____ E-Mail _____

Adult Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Your Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

1. Give a brief description of the project or program
2. Provide a breakdown of costs for the major components of the project. Have you price-shopped to locate the most cost-effective components?
3. Have you applied for funding elsewhere? If so, where?
4. What would happen if TCEC didn't fund this project?
5. If the grant is funded, may we publicize it through our Publicity Chair?
6. If the grant money is awarded, when will it be needed (month/year)?
7. All grant applications must be sent to:
Tri-City Ecology Center
P.O. Box 674
Fremont, CA 94537

For more information, call 510-793-6222.

We will respond to your request within 30 days. If possible, the applicant should present his/her project to the Board of Directors for approval. Thank you for your interest in working with the Tri-City Ecology Center.

Each year, the ecology center sets aside about \$1200 of Eco-Grant funds for young people and adults working on environmental projects. Please review the form above to see if you (or someone you know) qualifies.

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Name of Organization/School: Newark Junior High School Cycling

Type of Project: Effective Cycling at the Intermediate Level

Amount of Funding Requested: \$200 E-Mail:
mdieter@nUSD.k12.ca.us

Contact Person: Mark Dieter, Science Teacher Phone 510-818-3000

Address Newark Jr. High School, 620 I Lafayette Ave, Newark, CA
94560

1. Give a brief description of the project or program. Newark Junior High School Cycling is a free after school program to give students the experiences and traffic-safe skills to use their bicycle as a means of personal travel; as an alternative to being driven in a car by a parent. This is accomplished using the Effective Cycling at the Intermediate Level curriculum. The twelve (12) week program meets once a week for an hour to teach students traffic-safe cycling techniques that are scientifically proven and backed up with millions of miles of club cyclist experiences. In the last two weeks, students learn to recycle, reuse, and repair their own bicycles, or bicycles to keep through our recycled Earn-a-Bike Program. Graduates of this program will have reduced their accident rate from an average of one per 150 miles, to one accident per 3,500 miles. That is a significant improvement and demonstrates effectiveness and durability of learning traffic-safe cycling at that age.

2. Provide a breakdown of costs for the major components of the project. The Effective Cycling at the Intermediate Level locally is only taught by a qualified certified cycling instructor through Cycles of Change, a nonprofit organization based in Oakland (see cyclesofchange.org). The instructor is used two hours a week, half an hour each for setup and shutdown, and one hour to teach. Cycles of Change charges \$25/hour. The total cost for each 12 week program is \$600.

3. Have you applied for funding elsewhere? If so, where? We have received funding from Transform.org, mini-grant program, Parent Teachers Club, Valley Spokesman Cycling Club. Additional funding is requested from Newark Rotary, Newark Chamber of Commerce, Fremont Freewheelers Bicycle Club, Cherry City Cyclists.

4. What would happen if TCEC didn't fund this project? It places additional burden to acquire funding sources. Our objective is to develop many lines of funding to extend the depth and breadth of this program. Cycling is an enabler to other activities and interests: it reduces the transportation barrier.

5. If the grant is funded, may we publicize it through our Publicity Chair? Yes, absolutely! We will happily provide photos and possibly make a video for publication.

6. If the grant money is awarded, when will it be needed (month/year)? The grant money will be used immediately in the 2009/2010 school year to cover expenses.

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