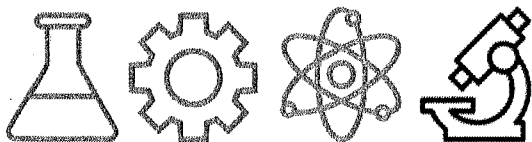
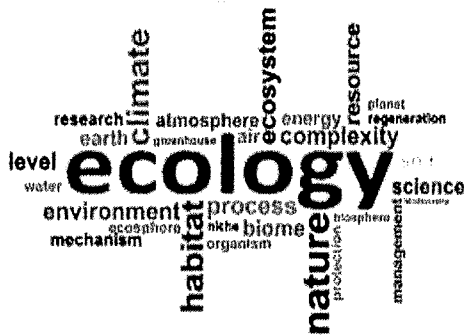


# YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL  
Project Title: Youth Environmental Empowerment Program  
Budget: \$1 million

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## Environmental Program Promotes Youth Employment and Stewardship

The Youth Environmental Empowerment Program is a summer education program which focuses on providing environmental education to youth, ages 11 through 19. The program will offer four weeks of summer learning with focused course work in ecology, resource management, pollution and society. Students will engage in field trips which are designed to provide interactive learning opportunities with environmental professionals such as environmental law specialists and businesses which promote green standards.

Program participation will facilitate employment of young adults within the environmental field and encourage lifelong careers within the environmental sector. Access to environmental education will encourage students to become environmental stewards and promote sound decision-making for generations to come.

The program will provide training to a total of 2,500 students over a five year period, with 500 students receiving training per year. After the first five years, the program will be reduced to 50 students per year and will be open to 5th grade students. Funding is requested for \$1,000,000 to cover the first five years of training. During and after the first five years, public and private partnerships will be developed to support the project.

Program success will be measured throughout the five year period with participant surveys conducted annually to determine program impact. Implementation will be guided by Escambia County School Board standards and an advisory board consisting of community leaders, environmentalists, educators, business leaders, and government officials.