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Sarasota Bay Estuary Program offering project grants

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Once again, the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP) is offering its Sarasota Bay Partners Grants Program for 2022. Grants of up to \$10,000 out of a total of \$100,000 are available to groups and organizations in the Sarasota Bay watershed area. The watershed runs from the SR 64 bridge/Palma Sola Bay south through Big and Little Sarasota Bay to the Venice Inlet.

Eligible groups include non-profits, schools, colleges, civic associations, businesses, local governments, neighborhood associations and the like. To qualify, the groups need to come up with projects which focus on habitat restoration, water quality, bay related environmental education or community stewardship. The SBEP staff can provide assistance with projects and applications upon request.

Groups applying for the first time, or those not having applied in the past three years, will receive extra points in the scoring process.

An info-webinar/Q&A will be held on Jan.18 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. For more information on the webinar and other queries go to info@sarasotabay.org. Specific details can be handled by SBEP Director of Planning and Communications Darcy Young by e-mailing darcy@sarasotabay.org or calling (941)-955-8085, ext. 2.

The deadline for all applications is March 1, 2022.