

GO GRANTS QUICKGUIDE

FOR APPLICANTS & BOOKKEEPERS

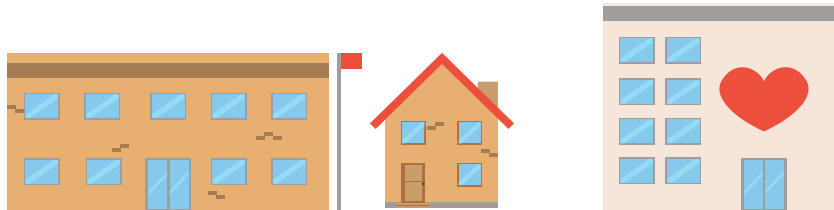
Our mission is to encourage and strengthen young North Carolinians' connection to nature by providing opportunities to engage with the outdoors.

OUR IMPACT

Go Outside (GO) Grants have impacted students across North Carolina, providing opportunities for outdoor experiences and hands-on learning.

- 270,000+ students impacted
- 96 counties served
- 980+ grants awarded
- \$5,985,000+ awarded to schools and nonprofits
(data from July 2019-August 2023)

WHO CAN APPLY?



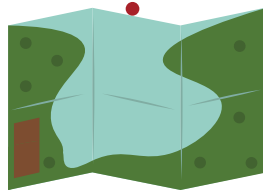
Schools (public and private), home school associations, and 501(c)(3) organizations.

Remember: we accept applications on a rolling basis!

CATEGORY 3

Up to \$3,000/\$5,000* for outdoor field trips:

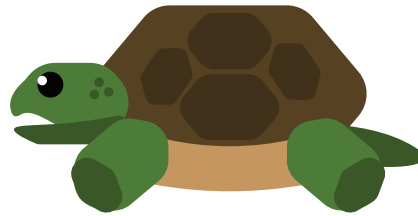
*There is a raised cap of \$5,000 for multi-day field trips.



Outdoor field trips that may include activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, wildlife watching or visits to State Parks, outdoor educational and recreation centers.

CATEGORY 4

Up to \$2,500 for on campus outdoor programs:



Visiting educational programs from museums, zoos, aquariums, and STEM learning centers.

WHAT DON'T WE FUND?



Sports equipment, electronics*, playgrounds

*Except where integral to outdoor learning activities e.g., trail cameras and greenhouse equipment.

WHAT DO WE FUND?

There are four categories of GO Grant that you can apply for!

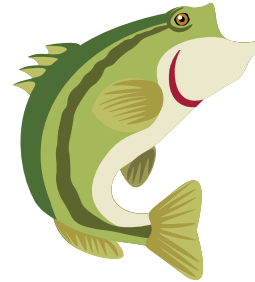
CATEGORY 1

Up to \$20,000 for advanced outdoor on campus structures:



AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES

Animal barns with livestock, mini farms, greenhouses with aquaponic/hydroponic systems for plant propagation.



AQUATIC ACTIVITIES STRUCTURES

Docks for fishing and/or canoeing/kayaking activities. May include the purchase of fishing rods and canoes/kayaks.



ARCHERY RANGES

Outdoor archery lanes which may include the purchase of targets, bows, and arrows.

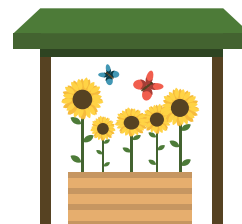
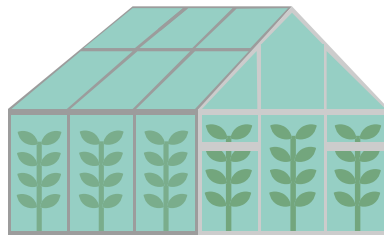


EDUCATIONAL NATURE TRAILS

Construction of hiking trails, may include the building of footbridges and interpretive signage.

CATEGORY 2

Up to \$15,000 for standard outdoor on campus structures:



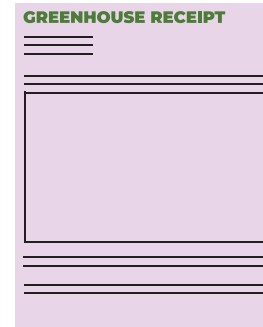
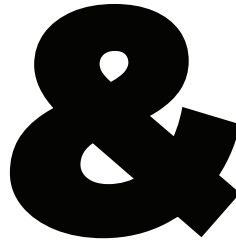
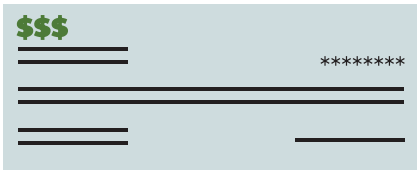
Includes basic greenhouses, pollinator gardens, vegetable gardens, and outdoor classroom structures with seating.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS/BOOKKEEPERS

Once you've completed your field trip or structure, this is what we'll need to close out.

Remember: You have 30 days from your completion date to send this documentation to GoOutside.nc.gov

1. We require TWO FORMS of proof of payment for EACH PURCHASE:



A copy of a check stub and/or account transaction summary.

A receipt, invoice, or purchase order.

What if my school was awarded a GO Grant but the original applicant has left the school, my timeline has changed, or costs have changed?



Please download our Amendment Form from the grants page at www.GoOutside.nc.gov. Fill the document in with your request and email it to GoOutside@nc.gov. It will be reviewed by our team and you'll be notified of the outcome.

Important! Please do not spend any funds until you have received confirmation that the amendment request has been approved.



2. Funds leftover? Please return unspent funds to us by check made payable to:

N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission
1715 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699



3. We love to share what our grant recipients have achieved (and it's also part of our reporting process!)

Please send photos of your field trip or structure to GoOutside@nc.gov

QUESTIONS?

See our full guideline on the grants application page "Apply for a GO Grant" at:

www.GoOutside.nc.gov

For further questions, please email:

GoOutside.nc.gov