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Rideau Environmental Action League

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Local Group Offering Environmental Action Grants

A local environmental group is looking for three local community groups who could use some extra cash to help put their environmental project into action with a REAL Action Grant. Three grants of \$250 will be offered to schools, community groups and neighbourhood associations in the region to make environmental improvements that benefit their community.

The Rideau Environmental Action League is accepting applications for projects demonstrating an eco-friendly practice that would benefit a group or the community at large. Projects could include ways to conserve water, reduce solid waste, reduce energy use, promote local food, implement adaptations to climate change or naturalize a space.

REAL began in 1989 on the premise that individuals could make an environmental difference by “thinking globally and acting locally”. The environmental group is hoping to encourage simple projects such as cleaning up a shoreline, planting trees in a school yard, installing composters or rain barrels, buying reusable dishware, or putting on a workshop. As a non-profit organization, REAL understands the challenge of finding funding and wants to support community groups who may need a little financial support and a simple application process to get their projects rolling.

REAL first offered the Action Grants in 2014 in celebration of its 25th anniversary year. By the fall of 2015, eight organizations had turned their ideas into action. The projects supported included community gardens, recycling programs, water bottle filling station, a memorial tree, and a winter field research camp.

Applications for the 2017 grants will be accepted until March 1, 2017, and winners selected by March 31. Projects will be announced publicly by Earth Day, April 22, and should be completed by August 31, 2017. The application process is explained further on REAL’s website, www.REALaction.ca

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