Between 2005 and 2012, the NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants program awarded over $36.8 million in grants to 60 museums, aquariums, science centers, universities, and other nonprofit organizations all over the United States.

The NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants program (ELG) supports STEM learning by providing funding for formal and informal education projects implemented on regional to national scales, with the goal of increasing environmental stewardship and informed decision-making among public and K-12 audiences.

The NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants program has awarded an average of 10 new competitive education grants per year since 2005. In Fiscal Year 2012, ELG provided funding for 8 new awards supporting service-learning activities for K-12 students and professional development programs for K-12 and informal educators.