The California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program is an environmental education program that supports locally relevant experiential learning in the K-12 environment. The primary delivery is through competitive grants.

B-WET activities show an increase in:
- Teachers’ confidence in their ability and their intentions to implement experiential learning in their classroom
- Students’ enjoyment of learning about the ocean and protecting the ocean
- Students’ and teachers ability to identify ways watersheds and the ocean become polluted and ways to prevent this pollution

Priority Areas:

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students
- Weaves together classroom learning with field experiences
- Sustained Activity
- Aligns with standards of learning

Professional Development for Teachers
- Reinforces a teacher’s ability to teach, inspire, & lead
- Teachers learn why and how to use inquiry based learning in their classrooms

After School, Science Camps and Summer Programs
- Recognizes the importance of programs that enforce what is occurring in the classroom
- Provides additional opportunities for students to connect with their outdoor classrooms

Target Areas: Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of a. Monterey Bay (counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo); b. San Francisco Bay (counties of Marin, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma), and 3. Santa Barbara (counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura).

Eligible Applicants: K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, and Indian tribal governments.

Available funding: Applicants can request up to $60,000 annually for up to three successive years for a single project. California B-WET funds can be used for a variety of expenses to conduct programming including: buses, stipends, travel, substitutes, equipment, and professional evaluators.

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