

FY17 President's Budget Request

Office of Education

The FY17 President's Budget requests \$16.45 million for NOAA's Office of Education, a \$10.15 million reduction from the FY16 enacted level (see Table 1). This request includes two components: 1) \$14.4 million for the Educational Partnership Program (EPP) and 2) \$2.05 million for the Office of Education (OEd) Operations. No funding is requested for the Bay-Watershed Education Training (B-WET) Program or the Environmental Literacy Program (ELP) in FY17.

Table 1: Office of Education funding in the FY17 President's Budget request (in millions).

	FY16 Enacted	FY17 President's Budget	Difference
EPP	\$14.4	\$14.4	\$0
B-WET	\$7.2	\$0	-\$7.2
Environmental Literacy Program	\$3	\$0	-\$3
OEd Operations	\$2	\$2.05	\$0.05
Total	26.6	16.45	10.15

Highlights include:

- ❖ A decrease of \$3,000,000 to terminate the Environmental Literacy Program.
 - While the Environmental Literacy Program will be terminated, NOAA will still support teacher development and formal and informal education initiatives through the existing grant periods (3-5 years) due to the multi-year nature of prior year awards.
- ❖ A decrease of \$7,200,000 to terminate the B-WET Program.
 - In FY17, NOAA will continue to provide watershed educational experiences for students through other programs, including National Marine Sanctuaries and the National Estuarine Research Reserves.

Budget Resources:

[FY17 NOAA Congressional Justification](#)
[FY17 NOAA Bluebook](#)