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Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc., (KPBCB), is pleased to announce the 2008-09 EDUCATION AND BEAUTIFICATION GRANT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. The grant will provide educational experiences to elementary school students in Palm Beach County that promote stewardship of the environment and provide selected elementary schools with designated funding for teaching gardens or landscaping to beautify school campuses and reinforce the environmental message. The enclosed application package has been developed in order to solicit, review, and award this grant to up to five (5) elementary schools in the county that meet the enclosed requirements for the 2008-09 school year.

KPBCB is seeking applications from Palm Beach County elementary schools that are interested in applying for this grant. If you are considering a project that meets the criteria and requirements herein, please complete and **submit the enclosed application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008**. KPBCB reserves the right to request additional information at any time. KPBCB also reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

EMAIL applications in .pdf format to the following address:

keepPBC@bellsouth.net

Application can be requested as a Microsoft Word document and then converted to a .pdf file. Pictures and drawings/plans must be part of the application and in .pdf format.

Potential applicants may contact Lourdes Ferris, KPBCB Executive Director, with any additional questions at (561) 686-6646 or by email at KeepPBC@bellsouth.net. Grant awards will be announced by the end of January 2009.

Thank you,

Lourdes Ferris

KPBCB Executive Director

2008-09

Instructions to Applicants

KEEP PALM BEACH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL, INC. EDUCATION AND BEAUTIFICATION GRANT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND OF KEEP PALM BEACH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL:

Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc., (KPBCB) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-based organization. It was formed in 1988, and received certification in 1994 as Palm Beach County's affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. The organization formerly known as Beautiful Palm Beaches was renamed Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. in early 1999. The non-profit organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Palm Beach County through litter prevention education, beautification efforts and environmental stewardship.

A project sponsored locally by KPBCB, is the "Great American Cleanup", which is conducted by Keep America Beautiful affiliates across the country during Spring. This volunteer cleanup and beautification event, coordinated by KPBCB with assistance from the Solid Waste Authority (SWA), has resulted in millions of pounds of litter and trash being collected by volunteers from Palm Beach County's roadways, parks, neighborhoods and waterways. Groups have also performed beautification projects as part of this event. Part of the requirements of this grant is that the schools chosen perform a cleanup or beautification of their campus or other designated area as part of the Great American Cleanup activities.

2. GRANT INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

GRANT PURPOSE

To provide educational experiences to elementary school students in Palm Beach County that promote stewardship of the environment and to provide selected elementary schools with designated funding for teaching gardens or landscaping to beautify school campuses and reinforce the environmental message.

WHO MAY APPLY

Public or private elementary schools in Palm Beach County may apply. Performances and supplies awarded through this grant are geared for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

GRANT COMPONENTS

- **Environmental Performance**

The applicant, if awarded the grant, will agree at no cost to host two performances of *The Trash and Recycle Show* at their campus or other suitable venue on a mutually convenient day during the week of May 11 – May 15, 2009. *The Trash and Recycle Show* is a 45 minute magic show geared for elementary school students in which Steve "Trash", Illusionist, Eco-Entertainer, and Kid Comedian, shares with his young audience the importance of taking care of our planet. The program is designed to reach five (5) elementary schools over the course of one week with a total of ten performances (2 performances at each school). For more information on Steve Trash and this program, please visit <http://www.stevetrash.com> .

- **Curriculum**

The successful applicant will be furnished with copies of Keep America Beautiful's *Waste in Place* curriculum (at no cost) for teachers who are interested in implementing all or featured units. This interdisciplinary curriculum contains lessons suitable for elementary grades on Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction, Recycling, Composting etc.

- **Support Materials**

Books, activity books, DVDs and video tapes emphasizing litter control, recycling or environmental concepts will be furnished to the successful applicant for use by interested teachers.

- **Campus Beautification**

The successful applicant will be awarded \$1,000 to complete a landscape project at their campus which may include campus landscape enhancement; creation of instructional gardens such as butterfly gardens, native plant gardens etc., or enhancement of natural areas on campus. The applicant is encouraged to provide a commitment for the perpetual care of installed landscape whenever possible. The applicant will be asked to provide a description of the proposed landscape project on the application. **Palm Beach County School District applicants are encouraged to contact Dale Barnhart at (561) 722-3779 or barnhartd@palmbeach.k12.fl.us for school district requirements or plant/landscape design information prior to submission of the application.** Landscape installation may be done by volunteers or by professional landscape companies. Successful applicants must complete their landscape project by June 1, 2009 and shall furnish KPBCB with pictures of their completed project.

- **Great American Cleanup 2009 participation**

The successful applicant will commit to having a group comprised of students, staff and/or other volunteers such as parents, do a project as part of the Great American Cleanup 2009 event held nationally during the months of March through May 2009. The applicant may choose to perform a cleanup of the school campus, a recycling project, or a beautification project. As an alternative, a group representing the successful applicant's school may also choose to participate at a scheduled community Great American Cleanup site. Great American Cleanup activities in many communities in Palm Beach County will be taking place on **Saturday, April 18, 2009** just before Earth Day. Participating sites for this date and other alternative dates will be posted on the KPBCB website at www.keepPBCbeautiful.org.

As much of the student body as possible should be encouraged to participate in the Great American Cleanup project as reinforcement of the environmental message. KPBCB will provide the school with Great American Cleanup promotional materials, trash bags, and disposable gloves (if applicable) for their participants. Trash disposal assistance can be arranged if applicable.

SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Grant applications in .pdf format are due by **Friday, December 12, 2008** by 5:00 p.m by email to keepPBC@bellsouth.net. After the review process is completed and the recommendations are approved by the KPBCB Board of Directors at their January 2009 meeting, the successful applicants will be notified. The recipients will immediately choose the day, times and place of *The Trash and Recycle Show* performances (two 45-minute performances) during the designated week of May 11 – May 15, 2009. It is recommended that performances be scheduled back-to-back (for example grades K-2 - 1st performance and grades 3-5 following with at least a 15 minute time period before each performance for seating). Successful applicants will also notify KPBCB as soon as possible of the date, time and place of their Great American Cleanup project commitment and furnish KPBCB with information regarding quantity of needed supplies. Grant materials such as curriculum and support materials will be immediately furnished to the recipients. The \$1000 award designated toward campus beautification will be immediately disbursed to the successful applicants.

3. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Please complete all items in this application form following specific instructions carefully. Landscape sketches or plans may be attached and pictures of the proposed area to be landscaped are encouraged. The application form is available in Microsoft Word but must be converted along with sketches, plans or pictures to .pdf format and emailed to keepPBC@bellsouth.net by the application deadline.

2008-09
Application Form
Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc.
Education and Beautification Grant
For Elementary Schools

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

B. School Profile

Area of County: _____ Total No. of Students: _____ Grades: _____

Percent Students in the Free Lunch Program _____

C. Name, Title and Phone Number/Email of School Contact Person: _____

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Musical Presentation – *The Trash and Recycle Show* – (Please check one)

_____ We will schedule two performances of *The Trash and Recycle Show* on our campus on a mutually convenient day during the week of May 11 – May 15, 2009.

Numbers of students participating 1st performance _____ Grades _____

Numbers of students participating 2nd performance _____ Grades _____

Additional comments: _____

- B. Participating schools will be furnished with copies of Keep America Beautiful's *Waste in Place* curriculum and materials such as books, activity books, DVDs and video tapes emphasizing litter control, recycling or environmental concepts. Describe ways in which the student's existing curriculum can be enhanced with these materials. Describe any current school programs or clubs that promote environmental messages. You may provide additional narrative on a separate piece of paper.

- C. Great American Cleanup 2009

Yes, our school will participate in the Great American Cleanup. (*Describe your project below*).

No, our school will not participate in the Great American Cleanup.

Describe your project:

Estimated number participating: _____ students _____ staff _____ parents or other volunteers

D. Campus Beautification – KPBCB will award the successful applicant \$1000 toward a landscape project. Please describe your project below. You are encouraged to include pictures of the area to be landscaped as well as any drawings or plans that would assist us in visualizing your project. Projects must be completed by June 1, 2009. Successful applicants must furnish pictures to KPBCB of the completed project.