



A fund to support environmental research and educational projects along the St. Lawrence River

The St. Lawrence River is a vital resource that sustains the North Country in many ways. It is a source of drinking water and a transportation artery; it provides habitat for wildlife and fuel for power plants.

The river is also a wellspring of knowledge for the people who live, work and play throughout its environs. Better understanding of the St. Lawrence benefits both the river and the North Country communities through which it flows. The New York Power Authority (NYPA) has created a fund to support environmental research and educational projects relating to the ecology of the St. Lawrence River

The St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund (SLRREF) was established as part of the St. Lawrence-FDR project relicensing. Funding decisions will be made annually by a board that includes environmental professionals, state and federal resource scientists, and community representatives. This brochure provides details for prospective applicants seeking funds for projects that meet SLRREF criteria.

The St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund Board consists of representatives from the following entities:

- New York Power Authority
- New York Rivers United

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

- St. Lawrence Adirondack Audubon Society
- St. Lawrence County Planning Office
- St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Education Services
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Town of Louisville
- Town of Massena
- Town of Waddington
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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The St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund (SLRREF)

is part of a comprehensive settlement agreement reached during the relicensing of NYPA's St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project, located in Massena, NY. Over the life of the hydropower project's 50-year license, financial support will be available for environmental research and environmental education projects relating to the ecology of the St. Lawrence River and its surroundings.



Funds will be disbursed annually to groups or individuals whose projects meet SLRREF criteria. Those eligible to apply for funds include:

- local or state education organizations
- tribal education organizations
- colleges or universities
- environmental agencies
- not-for-profit organizations (i.e., 501(c)(3) groups)

(The fund is not intended to support individual classroom projects unless they are part of a development program for an entire school district.)

To be considered for SLRREF funding, a project should accomplish at least one of the following objectives:

- Increase knowledge or awareness of the natural environment;

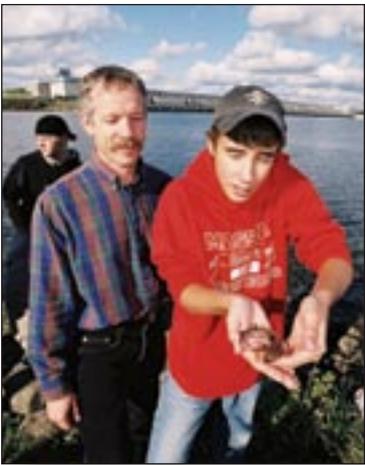
- Advance knowledge of one or more aspects of the St. Lawrence River ecosystem;
- Promote environmental education.

Project proposals must pertain to the waters and immediately adjoining terrestrial features of the main stem of the St. Lawrence River or a portion of its tributaries within the St. Lawrence Valley. The specific focus area is the stretch of river between the City of Ogdensburg, NY, and Summerstown, Ontario. However, relevant areas upstream and downstream of this stretch – including international waters – may be included as part of these projects.

The total funding available each year is anticipated to range between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Funding for an individual project is not expected to exceed \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. The use of matching funds from other sources is encouraged. The twice-yearly deadlines to submit proposals are January 1 and July 1.



Funding decisions for the SLRREF will be made by a board of representatives from NYPA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, the St. Lawrence County Planning Office, the St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Education Services, New York Rivers United, St. Lawrence Adirondack Audubon Society and a representative from a local municipality.



Further details about the St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund as well as application forms for project proposals can be found at www.nypa.gov. For more information, you can also contact:

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