

Wood River Women’s Foundation Final Grantee Report *(one page only)*

Due: June 30, 2020

Organization: The Environmental Resource Center

Grant Amount: \$2,575 *(partial funding)*

1) **How were the funds used?** The funds from the WRWF grant were used for the original proposed project: to purchase new program materials for the ERC’s youth environmental education programs. It had been over eight years since the organization last updated and expanded our program supplies, so the update was very welcome! Materials included art supplies such as notebooks and paints, a mountain lion skull and mountain lion silicone track molds for the animal adaptations programming, animal track stamps and ink, thirteen different species of scat models to add to the winter tracking programs, and snow shovels for snow science classes. In addition to planned program purchases, the ERC was also able to leverage WRWF funding to pay for educational materials used in enrichment kits to keep young learners engaged and interested while they were remote learning due to Covid-19.

2) Impact **(max. 150 words)** - *Tell us your impact story. This could be a narrative describing the personal growth that occurred in a participant or group, the effect on the community, how it helped or changed your organization, etc. It could include quantifiable numbers, a quote from a participant, an interaction you witnessed, or other ways of sharing your impacts.*

Integrating art into science education is a critical tool to help students make connections between subjects. Hands-on projects help make science more engaging for students who may learn better through experiential education. Last summer, ERC Eco-Campers were able to take advantage of new, WRWF-funded program materials when they worked with the Intermountain Bird Observatory at Galena Lodge during their week long camp. The students worked with scientists to net birds, take bird measurements, and band the birds for long-term research purposes. Afterwards, the campers had time to journal, draw, paint, and reflect on their experience and the impact they can have on their surrounding environment. One camper created a beautiful western tanager painting with the art supplies purchased from the WRWF grant. Creating art after learning about a species is more than just a nice interlude – it helps solidify an amazing experience into long-term scientific interest in local bird species.

3) 1 or 2 photos appropriate to share on social media pages. Photos that haven’t already been published. Caption describing what is being demonstrated or show for each photo.

4) Budget: please use original proposed budget lines

Expenses	Amount requested from WRWF	Actual Expenditures
Contracted Services	\$250	--
Fundraising	\$250	--
Marketing	\$250	--
Operations (includes supplies)	\$8,750	\$2575*
Payroll	\$250	--
Board and Staff	\$250	--
Total Requested	\$10,000	--
Total Granted	\$2,575	*youth education supplies

