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Casco Bay Estuary Partnership Awards \$40,000 in Small Grants

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Portland, Maine—

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP) announced today that it has awarded a total of nearly \$40,000 in grants for nine projects that engage people and communities with Casco Bay and its watershed.

"These projects bring students and community members together in ways that foster a deeper connection to the vital resources of Casco Bay," said Victoria Boundy, CBEP's Community Engagement Coordinator. "When people experience the Bay firsthand, they're far more likely to become passionate, informed environmental stewards for life."

Grantees include Baxter Academy for Technology and Science, which will use the funds to carry out a student-led environmental leadership program. "Thanks to CBEP's support and partnership, we're growing a science curriculum that really connects with students—linking classroom learning to our community, our amazing teachers, and the incredible living classroom of Casco Bay," said Anna Klein-Christie, Executive Director of Baxter Academy. "For a school like ours, this kind of support can open doors and inspire a new generation of environmental leaders."

Funds will also support work of the Intercultural Community Center of Westbrook, to run the "Wonders of Water: Exploring Casco Bay" summer program that will foster environmental literacy among immigrant, multilingual, and academically low-performing youth in grades 5-8. "We're excited to join students on this journey as they discover what makes Casco Bay so special," said Beatrice Mucyo, Executive Director. "It's a great chance to spark curiosity and help them build a lasting connection to the Bay."



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CBEP Community Grants are competitive awards for projects in the Casco Bay watershed that promote environmental education, community involvement, and stewardship to improve the overall quality of the Bay and its tributaries. CBEP welcomes proposals from non-profits, schools, and government organizations, and community groups located within or focused on the Casco Bay watershed.

For more information about CBEP and these grant opportunities, please visit the [CBEP website](#).

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