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BTNEP Invites Application for Mini-Grants

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) is pleased to announce the third consecutive year of funding for their successful Mini-Grants Program. The BTNEP created the program in January 2005 to support community-based restoration, outreach and education projects.

Through the Mini-Grants Program, citizens gain a greater awareness and understanding of the issues facing the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and join with BTNEP in creating effective solutions. The Mini-Grants Program also helps BTNEP foster creative partnerships among community groups and broadens the Estuary Program's ability to connect with as many people as possible in preserving our homeland.

BTNEP has \$30,000 available in 2007 for eligible Mini-Grants Program projects, with a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000 for any one proposal. We are very pleased to announce that this year additional funding has been provided by a generous donation from Chevron/Texaco. Any schools, organizations, individuals, non-profits, government, churches, businesses, or other community groups may apply for Mini-Grant funding, provided that the project takes place within the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and meets one or more goals of the BTNEP.

The request for proposals for the 2007 Mini-Grants Program will take place from November 15, 2006 to December 14, 2006. The deadline for proposals is NOON on Thursday, December 14, 2006. To apply for a BTNEP Mini-Grant, download and complete the 2007 Mini-Grants Program [Request for Proposals and Application Packet](#) from the Web at <http://grant.btnep.org/>

“The Mini-Grants are an important step in executing the BTNEP Comprehensive Management Plan. Mini-Grant projects help create a citizenry that is actively aware of environmental issues of our area,” says Susan Testroet-Bergeron, BTNEP Outreach Coordinator.

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