



Preservation Foundation
of the Lake County Forest Preserves

DATE: May 11, 2022

MEMO TO: Nels Leutwiler, Chair
Preservation Foundation Board

FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a \$1,000 grant from unrestricted funds to create two geology-themed educator loan boxes.

FINANCIAL DATA: The requested funds will be paid in full in Summer 2022. As of March 31, 2022, the Foundation’s total of unrestricted funding was \$410,325. Grants payable from the unrestricted funds as of March 31, 2022 include:

Year	Amount
2022	\$167,606
2023	\$79,550
2024	\$22,200
Total Grants Payable from Unrestricted Funds	\$269,356

BACKGROUND: In 2018, the Preservation Foundation funded the creation of educator loan boxes with the themes of birds, mammals, insects, ecosystems and plants. The Lake County Forest Preserves environmental educators would like to expand the topics to include geology. These two educator loan boxes will enrich and diversify our current offerings by adding new content and expanding the age groups reached.

Similar to the other loan boxes, the proposed project will contain grade-specific geology-related lessons written to assist teachers in meeting the required Illinois State Learning Standards. Each lesson will have supporting activity sheets and materials. Support materials include: rock sets, posters, reference books, and other supplies for hands-on learning. This loan box will be prepared to support 2nd through 8th grade learning standards.

Two identical loan boxes will be created and available for checkout from the General Offices in Libertyville and Ryerson Woods Conservation Area in Riverwoods.

Project Plan and Budget

The \$1,000 grant will be used for the purchase materials for each loan box.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Environmental Educator, Education Manager, Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Director of Administration, Preservation Foundation Executive Director

PRESERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____