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SEEAL MAKES GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS
SOLICITS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEEAL (Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance), under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, has mini-grants of up to \$5,000 available for climate change education and related projects that benefit Southcoast Massachusetts.

The grants are made possible as part of the SEEAL initiative, Southcoast Climate Change Challenge. All projects must: 1) benefit Southcoast Massachusetts, 2) include an educational component, and 3) address the reduction of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions.

Non-profits, schools, and/or community groups are eligible to receive the grants. Businesses are not eligible to receive funds directly, but only through a non-profit partner. Individuals may not apply. Application materials can be found at www.seeal.org. The application deadline is October 29th, 2009, with grants to be awarded in January.

Preference will be given to projects that are: 1) collaborative, 2) easily replicable and transferrable to other groups, towns, and regions, and 3) actually influence behavioral change among Southcoast residents.

If your non-profit, school, organization, and/or community group would like more information, please refer to our website, www.seeal.org, or contact SEEAL Interim Coordinator, Katie Kirk, 508-996-8253, ext. 206, kkirk@seeal.org.

About SEEAL

SEEAL is a network of non-profit and service organizations, public agencies, schools and universities, and others, who are committed to collaborative efforts for environmental education and stewardship in Southeastern Massachusetts. SEEAL's mission is to support its partners' capacity to provide quality environmental education and to promote stewardship in Southeastern Massachusetts. SEEAL, a program of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA), was formed in 1997.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Southern Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community has distributed more than \$7

million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.

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