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\$70,000 IN SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK ON LONG ISLAND SOUND

Stony Brook, NY, June 7, 2004 — Groups have until **Aug. 27** to submit grant applications for the Long Island Sound Study small grants program. This year \$70,000 in grants will be awarded for local educational projects to help restore and protect Long Island Sound. The maximum grant award is \$5,000 for each project selected.

The Long Island Sound Study is also offering grant writing workshops to guide applicants through the proposal process. The New York workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New York Sea Grant Conference Room, 146 Suffolk Hall, at SUNY Stony Brook on July 20, 2004. The Connecticut workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at SoundWaters Community Center for Environmental Education at Cove Island Park in Stamford on July 21, 2004. Call Kimberly Zimmer at (631)632-9216, or e-mail her at kszl@cornell.edu for more information and to reserve a space at one of the workshops.

The Long Island Sound Study is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the states of Connecticut and New York to analyze and correct the Sound's most pressing environmental problems. Since 1995, the Long Island Sound Study small grants program has provided more than \$474,532 for 120 projects in both states.

"Involving the public in the protection and restoration of Long Island Sound is one of our major goals," said Mark Tedesco, Director of the EPA Long Island Sound Office in Stamford. "We look forward to working with local communities to educate the public about estuaries."

Non-profit organizations, local governments or public agencies, educational institutions, and classroom teachers can obtain a grant application packet by visiting the Long Island Sound Study web site at www.longislandsoundstudy.net, by calling Kimberly Zimmer at (631)632-9216, or by e-mailing her at kszl@cornell.edu.

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