

Report to General Assembly

Fiscal Year 2024

Since 1994, KEEC's funding has come not from the general fund, but from \$150,000 in environmental fines and penalties, plus interest on the Pride Fund. This funding is amplified by federal and private grants.

Our Mission

To promote learning and skills for a sustainable and economically healthy environment

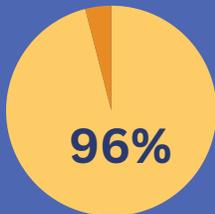


KEEC's Role

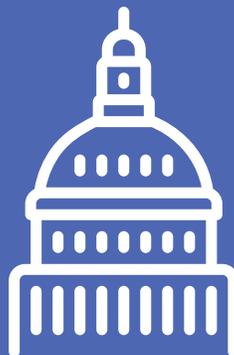
- Teach educators to focus on developing environmental literacy rather than engaging in advocacy
- Encourage students to develop 21st-century skills such as problem solving and critical thinking

Professional Environmental Educator Certification Course

- Reinforced best practices to 300 environmental educators since 2004
- Certified educators reach over 200,000 Kentuckians per year
- Participants come from government, non-profit, schools, and private sector



Kentuckians believe environmental education should be taught in schools



Legislative Mandates

- 5-year master plan for environmental education in Kentucky
- Survey of Kentuckians' environmental knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors
- Assist in integrating environmental education into school curricula

Environmental Education Leadership Corps

- \$415,320 in federal funds for 2023-24 program
- 124 AmeriCorps members have served at host sites throughout Kentucky
- Creating quality environmental education programs and developing workforce skills

