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Six groups get grants to care for rivers

SIX deserving community groups and universities across the country received RM30,000 to support their efforts in implementing river care projects under the National River Care Fund (NRCF) Cycle III.

Initiated by the Global Environment Centre, NRCF aims to support efforts by interested groups to protect and enhance river ecosystems.

One group, Pertubuhan Gagasan Prihatin Semenyih (PGPS), received RM5,000 to support its capacity building programme that benefits the local community in Semenyih.

“We are grateful. The funds will go a long way in helping our mission to monitor and protect the Semenyih river from pollution as well as encroachment activities,” said PGPS chairman Azman Ahmad.

NRCF advisory committee chair Datuk Lim Chow Hock said its goal was to nurture a river care civil society that was able contribute and demonstrate the best management practices of rivers in Malaysia.

“Since its establishment in 2015, NRCF has provided a total of RM106,000 in grants, benefiting 26 recipients that comprised community groups, education institutions and interest groups.”

GEC director Faizal Parish said, “After a competitive review, six projects have been selected to receive a grant under four categories. I am happy about the number of applications received in Cycle III. It shows there are many community-led groups in Malaysia with a keen interest to protect our rivers.”