

FLEPPC Education and Outreach Grants

FLEPPC Request for Proposals

Program description and Eligibility

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is soliciting proposals for funding of non-native invasive plant education and outreach activities in the State of Florida. The intent of these grants is to provide one-time initial funding to organizations or individuals who wish to educate the public about non-native invasive plants and their impacts. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private entities, partnerships, academic institutions, and non-profit groups.

Evaluation Criteria

Award preference will be given to proposals that meet any or all of the following criteria:

Activities that involve a plant or plants listed on FLEPPC's 2001 List of Invasive Species (found on www.fleppc.org).

Educational messages that will reach a large segment of the community.

Proposals that involve one or more partnerships (please specify type and degree of involvement for partner entities).

Applicant and/or partners that demonstrate matching funds or in-kind contributions.

Projects that aim to increase local community awareness of non-native plants through local charettes, web site development, or distribution of educational materials.

Projects that assist local communities in developing area specific non-native plant control ordinances and programs.

Educational projects that heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, control and prevention. (e.g. volunteer invasive plant days such as the Great Air Potato Round-up)

Application Instructions

Proposals must include the following:

- Title
- Project Description
 - o Location - include name of county, city, a local map or area description (section, township, range), and letter of support from landowner.
 - o Target plant(s)

- Target audience
 - Method of implementation
 - Expected time frame
 - Summary of expected results
 - Description of an evaluation component that demonstrates project success in reaching target audience
 - Collaborative organizations and descriptions of their contributions (please include contact information for all partner organizations)
 - Description of prior activities that may help applicant accomplish the project
- Total project costs and detailed budget, and cost justification
 - Contact information for applicant.

Application should be limited to 4 pages (10 point font minimum) not including maps or other graphic attachments.

General Information/ Selection Procedures

Grants may not be used to fund capital expense items (sprayers, chain saws, machinery, herbicide).

Grants are not intended to fund control or large scale herbicide application activities.

Requests for funding should not exceed \$1000.00.

The deadline for proposal submission is 5pm on November 1, 2001.

The FLEPPC Education Committee will review all grants and award letters will be sent by November 30th, 2001. Award notification will also be sent via electronic mail.

All funds awarded are to be used within 1 year of receipt.

A final report should be submitted to the FLEPPC Education Committee within 90 days of project completion.

Applicant/organization must present a summary of results at the FLEPPC Annual meeting (poster or presentation) and/or provide a summary article for Wildland Weeds, the FLEPPC quarterly magazine.

Preferred method of submission is via electronic mail. Please attach proposal as a document in Word, WordPerfect, or rtf format. Send proposals via email, fax, or mail to: Hillary Cherry

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