

Matching Grant Guidelines

The Everglades Foundation is the only national environmental organization dedicated solely to the restoration of America's Everglades. As a part of its mission, the Everglades Foundation provides matching grants towards programming that will help insure the restoration and preservation of the Greater Everglades Ecosystems.



Through its Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), the Foundation has identified nine specific initiatives that are necessary to complete a comprehensive restoration of the Everglades. Programming that receives a matching grant from the Foundation will enhance these nine “*Essentials of Restoration.*”

The Foundation recognizes that some issues vary across geographic regions within the ecosystem, while others apply to the entire ecosystem within all or part of 16 Florida counties. As a result, the Foundation supports a broad range of organizations and approaches that include advocacy, organizing, scientific research, education, and policy development. In addition, the Foundation also strives to support, strengthen, and include a wide-range of environmental and grass-roots organizations dedicated to achieving Everglades restoration goals.

**In 2008, the Everglades Foundation will be focusing on the
“*Essentials of Restoration,*”
an outline of essential restoration initiatives developed with the
input and cooperation of the Partner organizations that form
the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)**

- #1 Restore historic sheet flow in the southern Everglades and to Florida Bay**
- #2 Restore historic sheet flow in the Everglades**
- #3 Improve and protect water quality**
- #4 Provide adequate water storage for the ecological needs of Everglades National Park, and the Water Conservation Areas**
- #5 Provide adequate water storage for large wet year flows from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades**
- #6 Provide additional water storage to protect the estuaries and Lake Okeechobee**
- #7 Restore the Kissimmee River**
- #8 Prevent development that undermines the greater Everglades ecosystem's protection and restoration**
- #9 Restore the federal-state partnership**

MATCHING GRANT GUIDELINES

Grant proposals are reviewed annually. **Proposals must be received by September 28, 2007** for the 2008 matching grant cycle. Grant awards will be announced in December 2007. The Foundation does not generally provide multi-year grants, and Foundation support should not be viewed as a recurring source of funds.

Grant Proposals to the Foundation require a one-to-one match in programming funds. In the Final Report, the grantee submits to the Foundation, the grantee will be required to document what organizations contributed the matching funding and the total amount(s). In the event that an individual donor requires anonymity, grantees may include “anonymous” donors where applicable.

The Foundation will not fund indirect costs, (such as rent, utilities, furniture, et al), overhead, or fees/payments to the grantee’s national or regional umbrella organizations. Only the salaries of employees *working directly on the proposed programming* will be considered. Employee benefits for salaried positions are limited to 28% of the annual salary.

Any funds not expended during the grant period should be returned to the Everglades Foundation. The Foundation will consider requests to not return unexpended funds provided the request is made in writing and submitted to the Foundation no later than January 15 of the year immediately following the grant period.

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION WILL INCLUDE:

Cover Letter
On the grantee’s letterhead, please provide a concise description of the objectives and accomplishments for the funding provided by the Foundation. Where applicable, describe the relationship between the proposed grant and the goals and objectives of any other Foundation grant your organization has received from the Foundation.

Everglades Foundation Matching-Grant Proposal Form
All nine pages of the *Matching Grant Proposal Form* can be obtained electronically in *Word* format, or as a *pdf* document, by contacting:

ANA BLANCO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
305.251.0001, or at: ablanco@evergladesfoundation.org

Attachments

- Resume or Vitae of staff members funded by the grant
- List of Board members of your organization including affiliations
- A copy of your most recent *Annual Report* and/or audited Financial Statements
- If your organization is tax-exempt, a copy of the organization’s most recent IRS determination letter indicating 501 (c) (3) status
- Less than 5 pages of supporting materials such as newspaper clippings demonstrating a need for the proposed project, or letters of support, and correspondence relevant to the proposal will be accepted.

All materials submitted should be completed using a 12-point typeface, with one-inch margins on all sides of the page, and should not exceed the space provided on the Matching Grant Proposal Form.

2008 Matching Grant
PROPOSAL FORM



Organization Requesting Funds _____

Grant Project and/or Program _____

Amount Requested: _____

Have You Received Funding from the Foundation Before? \$ _____

Year(s) of Grant _____

Type of Programming/Project:

Please check all that apply to the proposed project

- Advocacy
- Coalition Building
- Education
- Policy Development
- Outreach, Promotions
- Scientific Research
- Other _____

Percentage of time/funds spent:

Please indicate the proportions of each in total project

- % _____ Advocacy
- % _____ Coalition Building
- % _____ Education
- % _____ Policy Development
- % _____ Outreach, Promotions
- % _____ Scientific Research
- % _____ Other

Location of Proposed Project

Entire Ecosystem

Region(s) ~ List Counties:

Grant Contact Person _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Organization President or Executive Director _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

National/Regional Organization President or Executive Director _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

ATTACHMENTS TO INCLUDE WITH
PROPOSAL FORM

Please attach the following to the final Proposal Form...

- Cover Letter
- Resume or Vitae of staff members funded by the grant
- List of Board members of your organization, including their affiliations
- A copy of your organization's most recent *Annual Report* and/or audited Financial Statements
- A copy of the organization's most recent IRS determination letter indicating 501 (c)(3) status
- Less than 5 pages of supporting materials such as newspaper clippings demonstrating a need for the proposed project, or letters of support, and correspondence relevant to the proposal will be accepted.

"THE PROJECT/PROGRAM"

PROPOSED

Describe the proposed project/program.

How does the proposed project/program address and enhance the goals of the "*Essentials of Everglades Restoration?*" Include the "Issue" or "Challenges Faced"--what is currently happening as a result of this issue/challenge and how will the proposed project/program change the current status? Where applicable, describe research methods. Explain how the research or program will expand upon the previous work of others. Who is the target audience and why? *Please limit your response to the two pages in this form...*

"THE PROJECT/PROGRAM"
PROPOSED CONTINUED...

[Optional second page for response on page 3—Describe the proposed Project/Program]

THE RESULT
OF PROPOSED PROJECT/PROGRAM

List the clearly defined outcomes (deliverables) that will happen as a result of this grant.

What will happen as a result of this grant project/program? What will be developed? How?

When will the project be implemented and/or completed? How will the result(s) be evaluated?

How can the result potentially be expanded; or, built upon?

QUALIFICATIONS OF GRANTEE

Describe any special qualifications your organization brings to the proposed project/program. Considering the description of the proposed project/program on pages 3 and 4, what is your experience dealing with this particular issue and/or challenge? What are the strengths of your organization (staffing and membership)? What is your particular niche, market, mission--and why is it relevant to the proposed programming?

COLLABORATIONS &
OF PROPOSED PROJECT/PROGRAM

Identify the government agencies, organizations, community groups, policy makers, or special interests who will be involved in generating results for the proposed project/program.

| NAME OF ORGANIZATION | HOW ARE THEY INVOLVED? |
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BUDGET

Please complete the following.

| GRANTEE'S TOTAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET | TOTAL PROJECT/PROGRAM BUDGET | AMOUNT REQUESTED |
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To detail the projected budget of the proposed project/program, please use the following table. You may add as many rows as necessary.

If requesting funding for a project/program with multiple components, please provide separate budgets for each additional component as necessary.

| CATEGORY | PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET | FOUNDATION FUNDING REQUESTED | IN-KIND/ OTHER SUPPORT | Your Organization's TOTAL EVERGLADES BUDGET | DESCRIPTION / COMMENT |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Staff <i>(Totals from Page 6)</i> | | | | | |
| Benefits <i>(Maximum of 28%)</i> | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | |
| Printing and Copying | | | | | |
| Professional Services | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | |
| Postage & Courier | | | | | |
| Special Events | | | | | |
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