

2009 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 2009, 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 Protect Water Quality**
- #2 Restore the Kissimmee River**
- #3 Provide Drought Storage**
- #4 Provide Additional Wet-Year Storage**
- #5 Reconnect Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades**
- #6 Restore Sheet flow in the Everglades**
- #7 Restore Florida Bay**
- #8 Impose Sustainable Development**
- #9 Improve the State and Federal Partnership**

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Grant proposals are reviewed annually. **Proposals must be received by September 26, 2008** for the 2009 matching grant cycle. Grant awards will be announced in December 2008. 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.