



## **FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – FY2009**

#### **Program Description and Eligibility**

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects in Florida. The intent of these grants is to provide funding to organizations or individuals who wish to educate the public about non-native invasive plants and their effects on the environment and economy of Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Award preference will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Involve a plant or plants listed on the FLEPPC 2007 List of Invasive Plant Species (found on [www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org));
- Include an educational message that will reach a large segment of the community;
- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, management, prevention, environmental and/or economic impacts;
- Involve an active component (passive programs such as signs, brochures or websites should be enhanced to promote an event or an action involving the target audience);
- Include an evaluation of project success;
- Demonstrate matching funds or in-kind contributions;
- Include partnerships (please specify type and degree of involvement for partner entities);
- Include a detailed timeline of grant activities.
- First time applicants and new projects, although repeat applicants will be considered.

Application instructions and further information may be found on the FLEPPC website ([www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org)). Grants may not be used to fund food or beverages, capital expense items (sprayers, chain saws, machinery, herbicide), or large-scale herbicide application activities. Requests for funding should not exceed \$1,000.00 and all funds awarded are to be used within one year of receipt. If full funding is not available, partial funding may be awarded. Applicant/organization must present a summary of results at the FLEPPC annual meeting (poster or presentation) or provide a summary article for possible inclusion in *Wildland Weeds*, the FLEPPC quarterly magazine.

**The deadline for proposal submission is February 2, 2009.**

The FLEPPC Education Committee will review all grants. Winners will be announced in April 2009 at FLEPPC's annual conference.

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