



Alabama Invasive Plant Council (ALIPC) Education and Outreach Grant Program

Request for Proposals – FY 2009
Proposal Due Date – March 31, 2009

Program Description and Eligibility

The Alabama Invasive Plant Council is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects in the State of Alabama. 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, economy, and quality of life in Alabama. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

The application form may be found on the Alabama Invasive Plant Council website (www.se-eppc.org/alabama). Grants may not be used to fund capital expense items (sprayers, chainsaws, machinery, herbicide, etc.), or large-scale herbicide application activities. Requests for funding should not exceed \$1000.00 and all funds awarded are to be used within one year of receipt. If full funding is not available, partial funding may be awarded.

Recipient(s) must present a summary of results to the Alabama Invasive Plant Council Board. This summary must include a copy of the program agenda and/or educational materials created, and an evaluation of the program's effectiveness including description of the target audience and number of attendees. In addition, the recipient(s) may be asked to present a summary presentation of the grant project at the annual Alabama Invasive Plant Council conference held each spring. All printing and use rights of grant project summaries will revert to the Alabama Invasive Plant Council.

The Alabama Invasive Plant Council will review all grant proposals. Award letters will be sent via electronic mail within 90 days of acceptance.

Evaluation Criteria

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

- Involve a plant or plants listed on the ALIPC List of Invasive Plant Species (found on www.se-eppc.org/alabama);
- Educational programs that reach a broader segment of the community will have priority;
- Include partnerships (please specify type and degree of involvement for partner entities);
- Demonstrate matching funds or in-kind contributions; In-kind contributions may include donated materials, supplies, facilities, or services;

- Increase and promote local community awareness of non-native plants through local schools, charities, volunteer events, web site development, or the development and distribution of educational materials;
- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, impacts, control, or prevention;
- First time applicants and projects will receive prioritized evaluation, although repeat applicants will be considered.