

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY – SERENOA CHAPTER
GRANT APPLICATION

PURPOSE

The Florida Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

Wildlife Habitat

Florida's wild creatures depend on plants for food, shelter, and nesting areas. By planting natives and restoring native habitat, you help support birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Less Water and Yard Work

Native plants have adapted over thousands of years to Florida's soils, extremes in rainfall and an assortment of insects. Use the right plant in the right place; it will flourish with less irrigation and fewer fertilizers and chemicals.

Cultural Connection

Florida's plants provided food, medicine, clothing, fuel and building materials to Florida's indigenous and pioneer people. Planting and preserving native plants recognizes our connection with the past and brings it into the future.

Sense of Place

When you include Florida native plants in your landscape, you celebrate the unique natural beauty of the "Real Florida". Residential landscaping can be boring and sterile; when everyone uses the same non-native plants; yards everywhere look the same. Exotic (non-native) species can be more difficult to maintain, and they say nothing about where you choose to live.

AWARD AMOUNT

The maximum amount of \$500 may be awarded applicants.

ELIGIBILITY

Only groups, such as schools, neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, businesses, and non-profit organizations, which are located in Manatee, DeSoto, Sarasota, and Hardee Counties, are eligible.

Applicants must use Florida Native plants. We will not pay for non-natives. Applicants can use the grant to pay for the service of a native landscape designer or architect.

Serenoa Chapter also requires that

- no plants, in the design, be on the FLEPPC list of exotic invasive plants <http://www.fleppc.org>
- no cypress mulch is used
- fertilizer and pesticide application be minimal

Also, micro-irrigation systems will be given preference over other irrigation systems.

Types of Projects eligible for funding:

- Creating a community or public wildlife garden
- Removing invasive species and replacing them with Florida native plants.
- Enhancing a clubhouse, business or non-profit entryway with Florida native plants.
- Enhancing a public building or public space with Florida native plants.
- Planting native habitat around retention ponds.
- Adding native plants to preservation areas.

Types of Projects NOT eligible for funding:

- Personal yards
- Yards/gardens inside a guarded or gated community
- Creation of a playground

Costs that may be applied to the grant:

1. Professional services – hourly with rate and work accomplished
2. Materials, Plants and Supplies – As necessary to carry out the work of the grant
3. Equipment- rental only for the sole purpose of the grant work.
4. Reference materials - If related to grant work, must be available for public access.

Costs that may NOT be applied:

- Computer software or hardware
- Contributions and donations,
- Entertainment, food, drink
- Gifts, fines and penalties

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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Project Title _____

1. Organization Information

Name of Organization: _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Website _____

Organization Type:

Homeowner/Condo Association _____

Neighborhood Association _____

Civic Association _____

Non-Profit _____

School _____

Other _____

2. Leadership Information

Project Leader (contact for proposal): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

Email: _____

Qualifications: List qualifications of people working on the project. For schools, how long have the key personnel been at this school? _____

3. Neighborhood/ Community/ School Information

Name of Organization: _____

Street Address or Street Boundaries:

4. Audience Information

Audience targeted by project: _____

Size of audience _____

5. Amount of grant requested: _____

6. Statement of Public Benefit

Describe how the project will add value to the surrounding neighborhood. Is the project accessible to the general public? OR How many students will be impacted by the project?

7. Project Description

a. Briefly describe this project and how will preserve or enhance the character and value of the neighborhood, or educate students if on school grounds. Please state size of the garden area. (May enclose an attachment).

b. Project location within your site

c. Project maintenance

Please describe the parties responsible for the maintenance of this project. Please include maintenance schedule for watering, weeding, etc.

d. Plant List

Please attach a list of species to be planted and quantities.

8. Is additional funding being sought? (Y/N)_____

PROPOSED BUDGET

Materials/Supplies Costs
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

Labor Costs/Professional Services
Type _____ Hours _____ @ _____ /hr = \$ _____
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Total Project Cost: \$ _____