

BASF Invasive Vegetation Management 2009 Matching Grant Program

Request for Proposals

This is the official notice of Request for Proposals for the BASF Invasive Vegetation Management 2009 Matching Grant Program. The Professional Vegetation Management group of BASF (ProVM) will continue their efforts to aid resource managers with science-based invasive plant management plans. ProVM strives to help customers achieve success and capitalize on available funding opportunities. ProVM will provide grants of up to \$20,000 as non-federal matching funds for on-the-ground programs that include herbicide use for control of terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants. Funding is for labor associated with operational invasive plant control herbicide programs

The goal of the program is to aid organizations in meeting matching funding requirements for federal, state or foundation grants through helping finance the cost of herbicide application. BASF dollars are specifically to support customers that use BASF brand herbicides in an integrated vegetation management program. BASF funding is to be utilized as non-federal match for state, federal or foundation grants. .

DEADLINE: Proposals should be submitted to jennifer.vollmer@basf.com / Fax 307-742-9932 no later than 5:00pm, Monday, September 29, 2008.

Eligibility

Eligible funding recipients include:

- o Federal, state, county, municipal, local governments
- o Not-for-profit organizations
- o Professional, Lake and Landowner Associations
- o Invasive Species Councils, Cooperative Weed Management Areas, Task Forces, Exotic Pest Plant Councils, Regional Panels of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force or other multi-partner invasive weed control organizations
- o On-the-ground control program (not for research – research grants are funded through the BASF Biology group)

Requirements

1. BASF funds will only be used to cover the cost of LABOR associated with the application of BASF branded products
2. Requested dollars must not exceed \$20,000 or 25% of the total treatment cost.
3. The treatment program must include BASF branded herbicide use in control of terrestrial or aquatic invasive plants.
4. The government, organization, association or partnership must utilize the grant as a match to increase potential federal or foundation grant award.
5. The applicant must have additional program funding secured by May 1, 2009.
6. Project related herbicide application must be completed between January 1, 2009 and December 1, 2009.
7. The grant request must be accompanied by a **letter of “partnership”** from a QVM or other qualified applicator. A list of QVM principals and applicators can be found on <http://www.vmanswers.com>.

Applicator **MUST** meet all of the following requirements to qualify:

1. Commercial business
2. State certified applicators license
3. Experience with BASF branded products
4. No complaint history with BASF products over the last 5 years

Selection Criteria

Priority will be given to projects that include:

1. A BASF program Quality Vegetation Management (QVM) Applicator providing services. For a list of QVM-Certified applicators in your area, contact your local BASF sales rep or visit <http://www.vmanswers.com>.
2. Use of BASF Professional Vegetation Management branded products in the herbicide program.
3. Multiple partners within the control program.
4. Project demonstrates a need for partner funds
5. A multi-year vegetation management plan with a corresponding funding plan.
6. Possibility for multiple sources of matching funds
7. Focused invasive weed management effort.

Proposal Content Requirements

The proposal must be submitted on the word document form accompanied with the announcement e-mail or downloaded from <http://www.vmanswers.com>:

1. Project title
2. Organization name and primary contact information including:
 - o Mailing address;
 - o Telephone number and email address; and
 - o Tax-exempt status, where applicable.
3. List of partners involved in the control plan.
4. Summary of the management plan including:
 - o Project location and the total acres of the property(s) with the target weed problem;
 - o Number of acres that are infested with the target weed specie(s)
 - o Target weed specie(s) to be controlled;
 - o Proposed herbicide product and rate to be used for weed control. For a list of BASF ProVM products visit www.vmanswers.com;
 - o Application method, such as, ground – cut stump, foliar, other or aerial – rotary or fixed wing.
 - o Acreage to be treated with BASF ProVM branded product during 2009;
 - o Estimated labor cost, or estimated labor + herbicide cost, state which is quoted.
 - o Name of applicator company (include contact information for non-QVM applicators);
5. QVM applicator preferred. If not a QVM applicator, state applicators qualifications. A list of QVM principals and applicators can be found on <http://www.vmanswers.com>.
6. Type and estimated amount of state, federal or foundation grant funds to be requested or that have already been received. Amount of BASF matching grant funds requested. BASF funding is to be no more than 25% of the total project funding available
7. Give a brief description of your program, including goal, best management practices, short-term and long-term overall management plan.

Notification

BASF will confirm receipt of the proposal within two weeks of receipt. BASF will notify grant winners by Friday, November 28, 2009.

Funding Allocation

Funds up to the total matching allocation will be paid directly to the application company, for labor only, as herbicide applications are completed and invoices are received by BASF from the applicator. All additional application and other costs above the total allocated funds are the responsibility of the organization.

The subject line of the email/fax containing a proposal must be: **2009 Grant Request**.

The email/fax must include the completed RFP form and the letter of partnership on applicator letterhead.

Proposal Submission Information

Proposals must be sent via email or fax to jennifer.vollmer@basf.com or fax 307-742-9932

For more information, please contact:

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| 1. Project title | | | | |
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| 2. Primary Contact Information | | | | |
| Name | | | | |
| Organization | | | | |
| Mailing address | | | | |
| Telephone | | | | |
| Fax | | | | |
| E-mail | | | | |
| Tax-exempt status (if applicable) | | | | |
| 3. Control Plan Partners | | | | |
| Organizations | | | | |
| 4. Management Plan Summary | | | | |
| Project location and total acres: | | | | |
| Total invasive/noxious weed infested acres: | | | | |
| Target Weed specie(s) | Herbicide(s) & Rate | Application method | Target acres to be treated in 2009 | Estimated Application cost |
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| Total | | | Acres | Cost |
| 5. Commercial Applicator information | | | | |
| QVM (check one) | Yes | | No | |
| Company name | | | | |
| Company Contact | Name | Phone | | |
| | Fax | e-mail | | |
| NOTE: Include letter (electronic or hard copy) confirming applicator's agreement to participate in the program identified above. Limit of one applicator to be covered under each grant. | | | | |
| 6. Funding request | | | | |
| State/Federal/Foundation/Organization funding requested/received: | | | | |
| BASF Grant Funding requested: (less than %25 of total Herbicide+application fee up to \$20,000) | | | | |
| 7. Plan Outline (limit to one additional page) | | | | |