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GRANTS - WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES?

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Truth or Myth?



***Billions of \$\$ in grant money will
be given away this year!***

Claim your share today !!

Generally true, but can be overwhelming!

- 1. Where is the information and money?**
- 2. Which grant fits my needs?**
- 3. How do I play the “grant” game?**
- 4. Can CWMA’s ensure more dependable funding ?**

1. Where is the information and money?

- **Private Foundations**
 - 5% of annual assets required to maintain tax status
 - \$1.13 billion assets in one state with \$56.5 million available locally
- **Federal Grants**
 - Many agencies focus on natural resource and invasive species management
 - \$\$ millions available
- **State Grants**
 - Promote cooperative and integrated invasive species management
 - Often administer funds from federal agencies
 - May include State generated funds

Community Foundations

- **Manage multiple donor funds**
- **Public charities**
- **May focus on 501©(3) organizations**
- **Enhance quality of life for people**
- **Health**
- **Human services**
- **Arts and culture**
- **Education**
- **Public projects**
- **Environment**

State Department of Agriculture

- **State-wide source for noxious weed funding**
- **Specifically tailored to state needs**
- **Depends largely on federal sources**
- **May include state generated revenues**
- **Accountability is paramount**

Center for Invasive Plant Management

- **Department of Defense (3)**
- **Department of Interior: Bureau of Reclamation - Irrigation (1)**
- **Department of Interior: US Fish and Wildlife Service (2)**
- **Environmental Protection Agency (2)**
- **Transportation Research Board (1)**
- **National Science Foundation (1)**
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (17)**
- **Wildlife & Conservation Groups (9)**
- **Foundations & Associations (55)**
- **States (14)**
- **General Sources (14)**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- **Search with “Invasive Species” key word**
- **Bring Back the Natives (riparian) - \$1,150,000**
- **Community-based Restoration (marine habitat) - \$10,000,000**
- **Landowner Incentive Program for States (non-Tribal) - \$20,000,000**
- **National Fish & Wildlife Foundation General Grants (habitat) - \$4,000,000**
- **Private Stewardship Grants (ESA) - \$6,900,000**
- **Pulling Together Initiative - \$1,300,000**
- **State Wildlife Grant Program for States (non-Tribal) - \$63,000,000**

EPA Grant Writing Suggestions

- **DON'T**

- Ignore the specific criteria set out in the Request For Proposals
- Submit late
- Submit without the required number of copies or computer disk
- Submit too many pages
- Submit a proposal with technical flaws
- Submit a proposal if your group or you cannot administer it
- Submit a proposal if you cannot prepare and submit timely quarterly reports
- Be afraid to contact the Foundation for advice
- Submit a proposal if you need "up front" funding
- Expect the Foundation to write your proposal for you
- Submit a proposal if you are not prepared to oversee the project
- Submit a proposal if you are not prepared to accept responsibility for the project
- Get uptight about this whole process (its not that difficult)
- Submit a proposal if you are in a university and your university/fiscal office cannot sign the Sub-Grantee Agreement "as is"

- **Do**

- Pay particular attention to the criteria in the Request for Proposals
- Be sure to send your proposal in PRIOR TO the deadline to avoid problems
- Be sure to include the proper number of copies and the required computer disk
- Be absolutely sure to include the name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail of contact in the main body of the proposal
- Feel free to contact the Foundation for advice
- Be sure to review the proposal review parameters used by the Review Committee (on the Selection Process page)

Partnership Resource Center

- **National Forest Foundation & USDA Forest Service**
- **76 page USDA Forest Service document**
 - **Over 200 sources for Forest Service & partners**
- **The Redlodge Clearinghouse**
 - **Searchable database of grants, etc. for natural resource projects in the western United States**

Grants.gov

- **Federal agency storefront**
- **Includes 26 agencies**
- **900 separate programs**
- **\$400 billion available annually**

National Invasive Species Information **Center**

- **USDA gateway to invasive species information**
- **Funding opportunities for invasive species management**
- **32 funding programs available**
- **Link to USDA Partnerships Guide**
 - **New York**
 - **Pacific Southwest**
 - **Federal Agencies**
 - **NFWF**
 - **Hawaii**
 - **Great Lakes**
 - **Florida**
 - **Virginia**
 - **Vermont**
 - **Boat US**
 - **Lake Champlain Basin**
 - **Gulf of Mexico**

Informative Web Sites

Commercial-

- www.grant-sources.com
- www.foundationcenter.org
- www.unclesamsmoney.com

Service-

- www.weedcenter.org (CIPM)
- www.redlodgeclearinghouse.org (western U.S.)

Federal-

- www.cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund (EPA)
- www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov (USDA)
- www.partnershipresourcecenter.org (Forest Service)
- www.grants.gov/ (26 agencies; 900 programs; \$400 billion/year)

2. Which grant fits my needs?

- **“Kill weeds!” or.....**
- **Protect environment?**
- **Protect natural resources?**
- **Provide informal education?**
- **Improve fish or wildlife habitat**
- **Improve agricultural productivity?**
- **Improve use of irrigation supplies?**
- **Protect or enhance riparian areas?**
- **Protect or rehabilitate watersheds?**
- **Strengthen community partnerships?**
- **Serve underprivileged communities or youth?**
- **Protect threatened, endangered, or sensitive species?**

Potential Sources

- **Industries**
- **Foundations**
- **Corporations**
- **State Agencies**
- **Federal Agencies**
- **Environmental or Invasive Species Organizations**
- **University Directories of Watershed or Invasive Resources**
- **Environmental Pest Plant Councils**
- **Recreational Organizations**
- **Wildlife Organizations**
- **Federal Guides**

3. How do I play the grant game?

- **Research opportunities**
- **Expand your perspective**
- **Match your needs with grantor focus and key words**
- **Follow directions**
- **Be prepared to administer and account**
- **Don't hesitate to ask for help**

4. Can CWMA's ensure more dependable funding?

- **Competition for limited funds can be beneficial**
- **Dependability of funding is crucial**
- **Promote State Invasive Species Trust Funds**
- **Inform and support State Legislators**
- **Inform and support U.S. Senators and Congressman**

Why is dependable funding so important?

- Year 1 – 10 plants x 1,000 seeds/ea. x 1/3 survival = 3,333 survivors
 - Eliminate 90% plants = 333 survivors
- Year 2 – 333 plants x 1,000 seeds/ea. x 1/3 = 111,000 survivors
 - Eliminate 90% = 11,100 survivors
- Year 3 – 11,100 plants x 1,000 seeds/ea. x 1/3 = 3,700,000 survivors
 - Eliminate 90% = 370,000 survivors
- Year 4 – 370,000 plants x 1,000 seeds/ea. x 1/3 = 123,333,333 survivors
 - Eliminate 90% = 12,333,334 survivors
- Year 5 – 12,333,334 plants x 1,000 seeds/ea. x 1/3 = 4,111,111,333
 - Eliminate 90% = 411,111,133 survivors!

**From 10 plants to over 4 million plants in five years with 90% control!
In the absence of dependable annual funding, lack of aggressive and sustainable invasive plant control could result in growth dynamics outlined above! Dependable long-term funding is critical!!**