FISC’s Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – FY2023

Program description
This grant program provides funding to organizations or individuals who will educate Floridians about invasive plants and their impacts on the natural areas and economy of Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions from private and public universities and colleges to K-12. The FISC Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant Committee will review all applications. Winners will be announced during the business meeting at FLEPPC’s annual symposium in spring 2024. Winning applicants/organizations will present their results (poster or presentation) at the next annual symposium and provide a summary for FISC’s website.

Evaluation criteria
Award preference will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:
• Involve plants listed as Category I species on the FLEPPC 2019 List of Invasive Plant Species, found on www.floridainvasivespecies.org (projects involving Category II species will also be considered);
• 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 process of project success or failure (example: “we will measure success by counting the number of participants,” or “we will describe why our goal was or was not achieved”).
• 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/startup projects will be given preference, although repeat applicants and established programs will be considered.

Instructions
The application, instructions, and further information may be found on the FISC website (https://floridainvasivespecies.org/kathy_cradock_burks_grant.cfm). Grants may not be used to fund food or beverages, capital expense items (sprayers, chain saws, machinery, and herbicide), overhead costs (e.g., electricity, payroll), or large-scale herbicide application activities. Projects involving disposal of invasive plants must describe the appropriate disposal technique they will employ.
All necessary permits are the sole responsibility of the applicant or organization. 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. For proposals that include printed material (brochure, sign, etc.), applicants must submit a rough draft or a sample of previously published work. Alternatively, applicants may submit a draft within 3 months of award notification, with funds provided after the draft is accepted by the FISC Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant Committee. The FLEPPC Education Grant Committee reserves the right to review all publications resulting from this funding, prior to printing and distribution.

The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, April 21st, 2023.

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