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

Request for Proposals – Year 2024
Proposal Due Date – Feb 29, 2024

Program Description and Eligibility

The Alabama Invasive Plant Council is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant projects in the state of Alabama. The intent of this grant is to provide funding to organizations or individuals who wish to educate the public about invasive plants and their effects on the environment and/or to conduct small-scale activities for controlling invasive plants. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

The application form can be found on the ALIPC website (www.se-eppc.org/alabama). Funding can be used for educational materials, outreach activities, and control work pertaining to invasive plants. Items that may be purchased and activities accepted under this grant include, but are not limited to, brochures, pamphlets, signage, herbicides, loppers, sprayers, tours, workshops, seminars, and demonstrations. Requests for funding should not exceed $1500 and all funds awarded are to be used within one year of receipt.

Upon completion of the project, recipient(s) must provide a brief written summary of results to the ALIPC Board. Recipients are encouraged to present the results at the annual ALIPC conference held each spring. All printing and use rights of grant project summaries will revert to the Alabama Invasive Plant Council.

The ALIPC board of directors will review all grant proposals. Award letters will be sent via email (or postal service) by March 29, 2024.

Evaluation Criteria

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

- Involve one or more species 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;
- 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, services, and/or volunteer hours;
- Increase and promote local community awareness of non-native invasive 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;
• Use photographs, if applicable, to illustrate the need for funding;
• Include plans for results of control/management activities to be presented at a workshop, demonstration or tour;
• Control activities will continue after the one-year grant period;
• First time applicants will receive prioritized evaluation, although repeat applicants will be considered.