Florida Native Plant Society
Annual Conservation Grant Application Guidelines

General Information - The Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), whose mission is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida, provides Conservation Grants annually of up to $5,000 to one or more projects that the Conservation Committee determines to fulfill the Society's mission.

FNPS does not pay for indirect costs associated with a grant project. The applicant does not have to be an FNPS member. Following completion of the grant project, the grant recipient agrees to summarize the results, adding to the general literature and conservation knowledge, in the following ways: a written summary with photographs in the FNPS publication, the *Palmetto* **and** either a presentation with photographs at the annual FNPS Conference, typically conducted in May, or a presentation with photographs at a monthly FNPS chapter meeting. Whichever options are chosen, contact the Conservation Committee at: conservation@fnps.org to confirm.

FNPS Conservation Grants support applied conservation projects in Florida for Florida's rare or imperiled* native plant taxa. To qualify for a Conservation Grant, an FNPS Chapter must sponsor the proposed project; such sponsorship is demonstrated by the signature of the Chapter President, or designee, on the completed application below. Contact information for Chapters is available from individual Chapter websites found on the FNPS website at www.fnps.org.

For examples of past FNPS Conservation Grants, please see:
http://www.fnps.org/what-we-do/conservation_grants

Questions regarding the Conservation Grant program should be sent to conservation@fnps.org

Submittal Information - Submit completed applications by **March 3, 2017** to qualify for the current calendar year's application cycle. Applications must be submitted via email in either a Microsoft ® Word document or Adobe ® pdf format, to info@fnps.org.

Award Process - The FNPS Conservation Committee will review submissions and recommend a maximum of three (3) proposals for Conservation Grants to the FNPS Board of Directors for approval. Applications must be complete for a project to be considered for funding. Applicants will be notified via email in late May to early June 2017, as to whether or not they have received a grant award. The FNPS will announce the award recipient(s) at the annual FNPS conference (applicants DO NOT need to be present) and in the *Palmetto* and *Sabal minor* publications.

The Conservation Grant Evaluation Criteria - The Conservation Committee will give highest consideration to projects that accomplish at least two of the following goals:

1. Promote the preservation, conservation, restoration, and/or protection of Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa and Florida rare or imperiled* native plant communities. Specifically, Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa within their plant communities; plant communities where Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa are located and/or have been historically located; and formal state-of-the-art acquisition, restoration, and land management of rare or imperiled* plant communities.
2. Heighten community and/or scientific awareness of Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa and Florida rare or imperiled* native plant communities.
3. Advance the protection of Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa within their habitats and Florida rare or imperiled* native plant communities.

4. Provide long-term benefits to Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa and Florida rare or imperiled* native plant communities.
5. Promote contiguous and sustainable habitat for Florida rare or imperiled* native plant taxa and Florida rare or imperiled* native plant communities through acquisition, restoration, and appropriate management of those lands that protect intact ecosystems, native flora, and wildlife.

The Conservation Committee will not award grants to projects which engage in the following activities:

- Installation of plants or germplasm (any plant material from which a plant can be propagated) to a site(s) outside the historical range of the species
- Installation of plants or germplasm to sites that are outside the species native habitat or plant community

* rare or imperiled:

The following rankings of listed species shall qualify as "rare or imperiled" for consideration of a grant proposal by the Conservation Committee:

Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) Global (G) Rank G1, G2, G3, GH, GX, GXC; FNAI State (S) Rank S1, S2, S3, SH, SX; Federal Legal (L) Status C, LE, LE/LT, LT, SC; State Legal (L) Status LE, LT

For listed-status definitions see: http://www.fnai.org/ranks.cfm
For the most up-to-date reference on FNAI listed plant taxa please see the current species-tracking list at: http://www.fnai.org/trackinglist.cfm

See also:

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Division of Plant Industry's (FDACS DPI) listed plant taxa. See the Regulated Plant Index at https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=5B-40.0055

- FDACS DPI listed status definitions can be found at: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B%E2%80%9040

- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) most up-to-date listed plant taxa found in Florida http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/stateListingAndOccurrenceIndividual.jsp?state=FL&s8fid=112761032792&s8fid=112762573902

- Listed status definitions for USFWS can be found in Section 3 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973: http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/ESAall.pdf

Sample Budget detail

Budget item	Item description	Grant funds requested	Matching funding
Salary	Cost of 2 staff members @ 80 hours each @$15.00 per hour	0	2,400
Supplies	Herbicide for treatment of invasive plant species, mechanical site preparation.	600	0
Travel	Travel to and from nursery, restoration site, equipment rental site	0	300
Equipment	Tractor and hauling equipment (rental fees)	2,400	0
Contractual	Contract for prescribed fire. Contract-grown nursery plants (for Sandhill community – herbaceous cover, including, *Stylisma abdita, Dicerandra cornutissima*)	2,000	2,000
Other	Volunteer labor	0	300
Total		**5,000**	**5,000**

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(DO NOT SUBMIT ABOVE TWO PAGES WITH GRANT APPLICATION, FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE)

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Individual and/or Organization Applying for Grant:
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Name of Primary Contact (if other than above):
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Mailing Address:
_____
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Email Address: _____Telephone: _____

1. Add pages to this application form to incorporate the following information:
   a. Project Title
   b. Project Abstract: In approximately 150 words or less
   c. Project Narrative: Describe the project in not more than 1500 words (3 pages single spaced @ 12 point font). Include project goals and objectives and state whether this is an on-going project. Describe coordination with other individuals, institutions or organizations.
   d. Budget Detail: (not to exceed $5,000); with a break down that facilitates understanding of the project approach and goals; Include information if there is matching funding.
   e. Project timeline schedule (normally one year)

2. Grant Applicant Signature:
_____
Signature Date
_____
Printed Name and Title

3. Signature of Sponsoring FNPS Chapter President (or designee):
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Signature Date
_____
Printed Name / Name of FNPS Chapter

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