



South Carolina Native Plant Society - Lowcountry Chapter

Community Grant Program: Community Project Funding Criteria

August 2019

Community projects must be directed at protecting, preserving, restoring, and/or educating the public about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina (specifically, we will only consider projects in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry Counties). Priority will be given to those projects involving public land, cultural significance, rare species, or the removal of invasive/exotic species. Events occurring during South Carolina Native Plant Week (October 12-19, 2019) will also be considered.

Requirements:

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have means (manpower, time, etc.) available to complete and maintain the project.
- If applicant does not own the property, they must provide documentation that permission has been granted by property owner for the project. Community project funds are not to be used on personal property or for personal gain.
- Awardees are required to provide proof of project completion, such as photos and maps (if applicable), of the funded project upon completion (or within one year of the issue date).
- After completion, a tour or presentation about the project during one of the SCNPS Lowcountry monthly meetings at the Citadel is required.
- Projects should be scheduled to begin within one year of issuance. Applicants may only apply for one project per fiscal year.

For consideration, **applicants must submit an application (maximum of 3 pages)** that includes

- a. Project contact (including phone number and email address)
- b. Location
- c. Budget (include any matching funds – sources & amounts)
- d. Description of how this project benefits or demonstrates the value of native plants.
- e. Discussion of whom the project will affect and how.
- f. Timeline for completion
- g. Description of how project will be sustained/maintained over time
- h. Letters of support from identified partners and/or landowners

Award amounts: Individual award amounts will not exceed \$1,000. Awards will be given at the discretion of the Board of the Lowcountry Chapter of the SCNPS.

Application deadlines:

Fall proposals will be accepted until **September 13th** and awarded by October 1st.
Spring proposals will be accepted until **February 14th** and awarded by March 1st.

Contact: For additional information, please contact Mary Conley at mconley@tnc.org or (843) 937-8807, ext. 20. Applications may be submitted electronically (preferred) to mconley@tnc.org or by postal mail: :

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