



South Carolina Native Plant Society - Lowcountry Chapter

Community Grant Program: Community Project Funding Criteria

August 2020

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.

Requirements:

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have means (manpower, time, etc.) available to complete and maintain the project.
- If applicants do 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.
- Projects should be scheduled to begin within one year of issuance. Awardees are required to provide proof of project completion, such as photos and maps (if applicable).
- After completion, a tour of the project site or a presentation about the project during a SCNPS Lowcountry monthly meeting (at The Citadel or online) is required.
- 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 and 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 2020 proposals will be accepted until **September 18th** and awarded by October 10th.
Spring 2021 proposals will be accepted until **February 12th** and awarded by March 1st.

Contact: For additional information and to submit your application electronically (preferred), please contact Evan Cook at evanoco@gmail.com. Applications may be submitted by postal mail:

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