

# 2018 Grant Guidelines

*Restoring quality, quantity, timing, and distribution of water for a healthy Everglades ecosystem — Everglades Foundation’s keystone goal—requires policy changes. Simply put, without changes to the public policy landscape, we will not achieve our goals. We support a range of high-impact focused advocacy efforts that clearly improve political effectiveness.*



**In 2018, the Everglades Foundation will focus its efforts on restoration initiatives that:**

- #1**      **Raise the profile of Everglades restoration at the local, state and national levels through communications, community mobilization and grassroots organizing.**
  
- #2**      **Employ strategic and tactically sound advocacy campaigns or unique skill sets that influence media, advance policymaker education and develop champions on specific Everglades restoration projects and key policy outcomes.**
  
- #3**      **Broaden the base of support for Everglades restoration by building alliances beyond environmental organizations.**

*Special consideration provided to applicants with unique spheres of influence, skill sets and relationships. In addition to compatibility with Everglades Foundation goals, quality of staff, prove effectiveness, fiscal strength and issue leadership will be evaluated.*

## **2018 MATCHING GRANT GUIDELINES**

Grant proposals are reviewed annually. **Proposals must be received by September 1, 2017** for the 2018 grant cycle. Grant awards will be announced in December 2017. The Foundation does not generally provide multi-year grants, and Foundation support should not be viewed as a recurring source of funds.

**The Foundation will not fund indirect costs** (such as rent, overhead, utilities, furniture, etc.), or fees/payments to the grantee’s national or regional umbrella organizations. Only the salaries of employees *working directly on the proposed project or program* will be considered. Employee benefits for salaried positions are limited to 28% of the annual salary.

**The Foundation does not fund lobbying.** “Lobbying” includes both grassroots lobbying and direct lobbying. Internal Revenue Code 4911 defines “lobbying expenditure” to be expenditures for the purpose of influencing legislation. This includes action by Congress, by any state legislature, by any local governing body, or by the public in a referendum, initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure.

**Any funds not expended during the grant period must be returned to the Foundation.** The Foundation will consider any request to retain unexpended funds provided the request is made in writing and submitted to the Foundation no later than January 15 of the year immediately following the grant period.

**PROPOSALS ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION WILL INCLUDE:**

**Cover Letter**

On the grantee's letterhead, please provide a concise description of the objectives and accomplishments for the funding provided by the Foundation. Where applicable, describe the relationship between the proposed grant and the goals and objectives of any other Foundation grant your organization has received from the Foundation.

**Everglades Foundation Grant Proposal Form**

All nine pages of the *Grant Proposal Form* can be obtained electronically in *Word* format on the website or by contacting:

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**Attachments**

- Resume or curriculum vitae of staff members funded by the grant;
- List of your organization's board members, including their affiliations;
- A copy of your most recent annual report and audited financial statements;
- If your organization is tax-exempt, a copy of the organization's most recent IRS determination letter indicating 501 (c) (3) or 501(c)(4) status;
- No more than 5 pages of supporting materials (such as newspaper clippings) demonstrating a need for the proposed project, or letters of support, and correspondence relevant to the proposal.

***All materials submitted should be completed using a 12-point typeface, with one-inch margins on all sides of the page, and should not exceed the space provided on the Matching Grant Proposal Form.***