

# Citrus Chapter Florida Native Plant Society – Mini-Grants

The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of native plants and the native plant communities of Florida. Citrus Chapter (CCFNPS) furthers this mission by supporting partners through grants.

**Mini-grants are available to members in good standing, up to \$100.**

## **Requirements:**

- Applicants must use only Florida native plants. Species naturally occurring in the region are best. (Plant suggestions are available at [citrusnps@gmail.com](mailto:citrusnps@gmail.com) )
- Project is publicly accessible, and applicant has written permission from property owner/manager.
- No cypress mulch is to be used.
- Fertilizer and pesticide application be minimal. Micro-irrigation systems be strongly considered.
- Upon completion, a final report, including receipts, is to be submitted and the balance returned.

## **Costs that may be applied to the grant:**

- Materials, plants, equipment and supplies – as necessary to carry out the work of the grant.

## **Costs that may NOT be applied:**

- Computer software or hardware
- Contributions, donations, fines or penalties
- Entertainment, food, drink

## **Examples of projects eligible for funding:**

- Creating a container demo garden.
- Removing invasive species and replacing them with Florida native plants or seeds.
- Expanding or renovating an existing garden.
- Enhancing a public building/entryway or public space with Florida native plants.
- Planting native habitat around retention ponds; adding native plants to preservation areas

## **Types of projects NOT eligible for funding:**

- Personal yards and private property
- Yards or gardens inside a guarded or gated community

**After submission**, the Grant Committee considers: relevance to the FNPS mission, how likely the project will be maintained, the expertise or past success of the applicant, how realistic the plan is, if plants used are site appropriate, if project has value to the community or quality of ecological benefit, if the project addresses multiple conservation issues, if it informs the public, how many children or adults may be reached, how long the project will have an impact, and if it increases awareness of FNPS and CCFNPS.

The application will be reviewed and a recommendation submitted to the CCFNPS Board. Allow at least 3 weeks processing time. You will be notified of the result.

# Citrus Chapter - FNPS Mini-Grant Application

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant amount request: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$100)

CCFNPS Member Submitting Application:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*I the undersigned agree to abide by all conditions of this application.*

*I will notify CCFNPS of project events, and allow access to take photos of the project process and completion for CCFNPS documentation or publicity. Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, must be acknowledged on project signs, handouts, promotional material, or presentations.*

*I understand that acceptance of a grant does not make Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, it's officers or agents, responsible for acts made by the applicant and will hold Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society harmless to any third-party claims against the applicant(s) listed.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete applications must include:

- ◆ The two page application form
- ◆ A detailed native plant list (if applicable)
- ◆ Letters of support from facilities giving permission for project at their site
- ◆ Any additional materials that could be helpful; maps, sketches, pictures, handouts distributed, etc.
- ◆ Mail to: Citrus Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, PO Box 215, Crystal River, FL 34423

**Project Description:\*\***

- Please describe your project and state your project goal.
- How your proposal supports the FNPS mission.
- For plant installations, include a detailed plant list.
- Who will participate in the continued maintenance and for how long?

**Budget:\*\***

Breakdown the project expenses. Supplemental documents (plant price list, signage quotes, equipment retail listings, etc.) may be attached.

**Time:\*\***

- The anticipated start and finish date.
- If a temporary project, the removal date.
- Estimated number of volunteer hours, listed by task (shopping, installation, etc).