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Grant Application

This Mangrove Chapter, FNPS grant supports the planting of Florida native plants. Funds are available to provide native plants for the following purposes:

- To create a public wildlife garden
- To reclaim, rehabilitate, or enhance an existing public garden
- To replace invasive exotic species with Florida native plants
- To enhance a clubhouse, business, or nonprofit entryway with Florida native plants
- To plant native plants to create native habitat around retention ponds
- To add native plants to preservation areas
- For education about native plants

Private yards are not eligible for grants. Grants are limited to \$500 per grant request. All grant work and requirements must be completed by September 30, the end of the grant year.

Group applying for funds: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

Location of project: _____

Indicate one of these: _____ new _____ enhancement _____ rehabilitation

Approximate dimensions of planting area: _____

Is this funding to be used in conjunction with other funding? If so, please describe: _____

List members of the Mangrove Chapter who are in your group (or list "none" if not applicable)

To receive this grant, the following conditions must be met. Check to show that you agree:

_____ I agree that the planting will be in a public space, or in the case of gated communities or other areas with restricted access, in a common space open to that community

_____ I agree to obtain written permission from the owners of the area where the planting is planned and to have the owner sign the grant application in the space provided.

_____ I agree that while funds may be provided for projects with areas of non-native plants, any plants located in the planting area that are listed by the Florida Invasive Species Council as invasive exotic plants will be removed and that none will be planted. See www.floridainvasivespecies.org for the invasive, exotic plant list.

_____ I agree to submit plans for the planting area, along with the grant application, to the Mangrove Chapter Grant Committee and to facilitate a site visit as part of the grant consideration process. I understand that the application must be approved by the Mangrove Chapter Board prior to commencing work.

_____ I agree that no commercial pesticides will be used in the garden/planting area. Natural remedies such as soap suds are allowed.

_____ I agree that no commercial synthetic fertilizers will be used in the garden/planting area. Natural products, such as manure, Black Cow, compost, and decayed vegetative matter are acceptable.

_____ I agree that no mulch products made from cypress, colored recycled wood wastes (red mulch), or recycled tire tread materials will be used. Melaleuca or eucalyptus mulch, pine needles, leaves, or decaying vegetative matter are excellent mulches.

_____ I agree to have the plantings tended on a regular basis, including during the summer season, and to protect the garden from mowing and foot traffic.

_____ I agree-to assure that the plantings will be watered at planting and thereafter as needed to establish the plants robustly. Following that, water must be used sparingly to be "water-wise".

_____ I agree to post a sign stating that funding for the purchase of plants was provided by the Mangrove Chapter, FNPS in a readily visible area at the planting location.

_____ I understand that payment will be made by check after the submission of a paid invoice/receipt for the purchase of plants, which must be itemized by plant species and size. Purchases will be reviewed by the Grant Committee and only costs for the purchase of native plant species will be reimbursed.

_____ I agree to complete all planting, signage, and other requirements no later than September 30, 2024.

_____ I agree to submit a short before-and-after report, with photographs, by email to the Grant Committee after the work is completed, no later than September 30, 2024. This email

report may be reprinted in the Chapter Newsletter and may be posted on the Chapter Website.

Signature of land owner or representative signifying approval of the project application, including the posting of the FNPS sign to be provided by the Mangrove Chapter

Name(s) _____

Date: _____

Signature of Grant Applicant

Name(s) _____

Date: _____

Applications must be received no later than April 30, 2024

Work must be completed no later than September 30, 2024

Mail completed application and proposed site plan map to

**MCFNPS Grant Committee
PO Box 1153
Englewood, FL 34295-1153**

or

Email to mangrovechapter@fnps.org