



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is now accepting Invasive Species Mitigation Weed Control Grant Applications for the 2018 season. The goal of this program is to allocate funds to projects which have management strategies with a **high degree of potential success** in the State of Utah.

Eligible Organizations: Universities; Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA's); County Weed Boards; Federal or State Agencies; Federal, State, Tribal or Private Landowners; Conservation Districts, and/or other Political Subdivisions.

Limit of Requests: For FY 2018, projects will be funded for the current year only, with the possibility of renewing funding for a multi-year project, based on available funds. Grants will be funded for a maximum amount of \$150,000 per request. Funding for projects will begin January 1, 2018 and terminate December 31, 2018.

Future Limit of Requests: For FY 2019, UDAF is looking for projects that are large multi-year projects. The maximum funding amount of \$150,000 will be lifted for these grant applications. It is recommended that these proposals include a 3-5 year management plan, an extensive monitoring component, solid participating partners, and a strong restoration component. More details will be made available as we get closer to the 2019 request for proposals date. **Note: These funds have not yet been appropriated so at this time, please do not send in applications for multi-year projects for FY 2019.**

Application Due Date: Friday October 6, 2017.

Eligible Activities:

- Early detection & rapid response
- Treating critical acres that protect larger land use areas
- Monitoring and preventing the spread of small populations and new introductions
- Monitoring and rehabilitating established infestations
- Research related to invasive species

Ranking / Incomplete Applications: Only complete applications will be moved to the ranking committee for project ranking. As part of UDAF's dedication to excellence, each grant application will be reviewed for completeness. UDAF will review, and return incomplete applications for correction and re-submittal for a period of 14 days. Any applications which are incomplete or have not been updated after UDAF review, will not be considered for ranking and funding.

Re-submission Due Date: Friday October 20, 2017.

Specific Ranking Criteria:

- Early Detection Rapid Response focus species (1A and 1B Noxious Weed Species)
- Multiple partner involvement

- Active monitoring of invasive infestations
- Additional funding sources and matching funds
- Relationship to other management plans
- Biological control
- Past performance/success in achieving goals under prior ISM grant (if applicable)
- Compliance with grant requirements, including timely submission of documents, reports and requested information

Recommended Grant Proposal Attachments:

- Application will include a current Weed Management Area Agreement and Strategic Plan
- Application will include a current map (.pdf) and shape file (ESRI shape) of the proposed project area with each funding activity clearly defined as individual polygons. (Limit size to 11"x 17" paper)
- Applications including any ground disturbance will be required to submit a supplemental .pdf and shape file of the area to be disturbed for archeological clearance. No ground disturbance will proceed without written approval from UDAF as defined in U.C.A. 9-8-404(1)(a).
- County or Counties involved must have an active Weed Board **(Year End County Reports Required)**
- **Federal Agencies or Federal Landowners must match grant dollars at least 1:1 (match must be monetary and not in-kind)**
- Project must be completed and a final report submitted by December 31, 2018.

Prohibited Activities: The Noxious Weed Grants are intended to control or manage noxious weeds with "on the ground work". Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) Grants will not be awarded for mapping without active on the ground treatment. A minimal amount of Noxious Weed Grant funding (less than \$5,000) can be used for the purchase of incidental equipment needed to complete a project. **The purchase of large pieces of equipment, such as four-wheelers and large spray tanks are not allowed unless prior permission has been given. Funds listed in the (Other) category within the budget and scope of work will require an attached budget sheet defining how funds will be allocated.**

Funding Allocation Information:

- \$1,200,000 of available funds reserved for large watershed level projects (\$150,000 funding cap per project)
- \$600,000 of available funds to be used on small county level projects (\$20,000 funding cap per project)
- \$200,000 UDAF grant oversight costs
- All projects will be ranked competitively in each category and dollar amounts requested in application will reflect the maximum amount of funding allowed. Funding may be reduced prior to disbursement, subject to the availability of funds and based on UDAF's review of the proposed scope of work as set forth in the application.

Administrative Overhead Costs

The Grantee may include up to a maximum of 10% of the project costs to provide for planning and administration of the grant.

In this administrative cost, the following items should be listed and included:

- Project Reports (required)
- Mapping and Complete GIS Information for the project (required)
- Project Monitoring Costs (required)

FY2018 Grant Application Forms are available at <http://ag.utah.gov>. When completed, approved, and signed by your organization head, please email to: aeagar@utah.gov

Sincerely,

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