



### **Great Lakes Ecosystem Restoration Funding**

The Alliance for the Great Lakes is pleased to offer financial assistance to community-based and grassroots organizations for the restoration of Great Lakes ecosystems. The Alliance has developed the following criteria to use as a guide when requesting assistance. Applications should not be more than two pages in length. Please return your completed proposal to Jamie Cross, Manager of Outreach Programs at [jcross@greatlakes.org](mailto:jcross@greatlakes.org) or Alliance for the Great Lakes, 700 Fulton Ave., Ste. A, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Total Amount Available – \$5000

Amount of Award – up to \$5000

**Criteria** – All projects must take place within the Great Lakes basin and must result in a physical on-the-ground restoration project. Projects that are appropriate for this program include those that have a positive impact on the ability of native fish, wildlife, and plants to survive in a natural system.

Special consideration will be given to projects that:

- Fulfill one or more of the measurable goals the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration strategy (<http://www.glrc.us/>);
- Involve multiple partners;
- Includes an education and/or outreach component;
- Benefit fish and wildlife habitat and/or human health; and
- Leverage funding from multiple sources.
- Be a registered 501(c)(3) organization or have a valid fiscal agency agreement with a 501(c)(3) organization

#### **Timeline**

January 15, 2009 (Proposal deadline)

February 15, 2009 (Grants awarded & announcements made)

August 1, 2009 (Project report due)

## **Proposal Application Form**

Please use the following format and titles when submitting your proposal. The completed proposal should not be more than two pages of text in length, not including attachments.

### *Contact information*

Name of group, contact person, address, state and zip, Web and email address, and phone number.

### *Organizational mission*

- Include your group's mission statement.

### *Project overview and goals*

- Give a brief one-paragraph overview of the project and how it will help restore the Great Lakes basin ecosystem.
- Describe two or three overall goals for the project.

### *Project tasks and timeline*

- Identify what tasks your group will do to achieve project goals.
- Outline timeline that is compatible with the grant cycle.

### *Project evaluation*

- Include information on how your organization will measure the success of the project. Describe any plans for short- and long-term monitoring.

### *Project budget*

- Include the amount of the request and a description of how funds will be spent.
- Include any dollar match or in-kind contribution (such as volunteer hours, materials, services) to the project.

### *Project authorization*

- Authorization for the Alliance to share information about your project and lessons learned with other Alliance Partner Network groups.

### *Local media contacts*

- Please include with your proposal two local media outlets and their contact information. If you know of a local reporter that is supportive of your efforts please include their name. We will use this information to announce your project.

## **For more information, contact:**

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