

Alaska Association of Conservation Districts Invasive Plant Program Grant Proposal Scoring Criteria

(USFS Funds Awarded to CWMAs in Alaska)
April 2007

Grants submitted to the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts are for the inventory, control and eradication of noxious and invasive plants, or public outreach and education regarding prevention, control and scouting invasive plants or educating youth.

Consideration for project funding includes **core** and **specific** criteria evaluations.

Core Criteria

1. _____ (20 points) **Cooperation** – is the applicant a CWMA, have partners, involve an active steering committee?
2. _____ (15 points) **History** – does the applicant have funding history? Are reports in and on time and have funds been properly spent?
3. _____ (15 points) **Description/Need** – does the applicant adequately explain who, what, where, why, and how?
4. _____ (20 points) **Cost-Share** – does the applicant show an appropriate cost sharing?
5. _____ (15 points) **Integrated** – is this an integrated project that includes several components of Integrated Weed Management thinking? Is the strategy consistent with research based control information? Does the applicant show a way of assessing outcomes and impacts.
6. _____ (15 points) **Education/Outreach** – is the local knowledge of invasive plants addressed in this project? Does education seek to involve the public? Will educational outreach focus on groups likely to introduce or spread invasive plants? Will education reach those likely to be affected by invasive plants?

Total Score _____ (100 points possible)

Resources will be allocated based on availability of funding.

Specific Criteria

Funding for these grants is provided by a special appropriation from the United States Forest Service. In addition to the core criteria there are specific criteria for USFS grants as outlined below.

1. _____(15 points) – making progress toward or a signed **CWMA agreement and Strategic Plan**

2. _____(15 points) – **current map** of the area to be treated or inventoried. Or for education projects a clear plan to reach key user groups affecting invasive plants.

3. _____(20 points) – borough or boroughs involved must have an **active CWMA**

4. _____(20 points) – appropriate **cost share** based on landownership or activity as described in the proposal guidelines, Criteria #5

5. _____(20 points) – project(s) must be included or within 1 mile of **forest areas** with 10% canopy cover.

6. _____(10 points) – grant **ending date** is April 1, 2007 (final report due on or before April 11, 2008)

Total Score _____(100 points possible)

Core Total _____

Specific Total _____

Cumulative Project Total _____