



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2026 INVASIVE VEGETATION GRANTS

Overview Scope:

- Southwest Vegetation Management Association (SWVMA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve and protect Arizona's natural resources, by providing a state-level organization that emphasizes an integrated management approach to address invasive or pest plants.
- Invasive Vegetation Grants are intended to support the costs of active research and on-the-ground management of non-native invasive plant species.
- Maximum funding for a single proposal is \$3000. Two or more grants may be awarded, depending on available funds. Grant funding is made possible through donations and proceeds of our annual conference.
- Grant funds may be used for the entire cost of a project or supplement the cost of a project receiving other funding. Matching funds and partnered projects are not required but may strengthen your application.
- Projects may have a duration of up to two years.
- Applications are due no later than **August 21st, 2026**.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Vegetation managers and researchers from all levels of expertise are encouraged to apply (individuals, undergraduate and graduate students, professional researchers, weed management areas, non-profit organizations, private companies, and all levels of government).
- SWVMA membership is not a requirement, but members of the SWVMA are encouraged to apply. Current SWVMA Advisory Board voting members are not eligible to apply.

Award Requirements:

- The grant recipient will be required to present the project results at the Annual SWVMA Meeting within two years after grant award.
- Grant funds may be used only for proposed project expenses, and may not be used for indirect costs, overhead expenses, conferences, symposia, training, or certifications.
- The project should be completed within two years and summarized in a final report. A brief midterm progress report with detailed expense summary must be submitted to grants@swvma.org for release of 2nd fund disbursement. Deadline for midterm progress report contingent on actual award date and project timeline.
- Project media, reports, publications, and presentations shall acknowledge SWVMA financial support, e.g. *Support provided in part by funding from the Southwest Vegetation Management Association's Grants Program.*

Application Package Requirement & Instructions:

1. Completed SWVMA Grant Application Form
2. Abstract summarizing proposed work (limit 160 words)
3. Project title
4. Proposal narrative (limit 1,600 words) including the following:
 - a. Brief overview of proposed project, including a statement of need or impact
 - b. Project goals, objectives, and measures for assessing effectiveness
 - c. Specific experience of the applicant relevant to addressing issues
 - d. Description of methods and protocols to be used
 - e. Benefits expected from the project
 - f. Project sharing plan
5. Project overview map including planned treatment limits, if applicable
6. Project timeline identifying tasks and assessment measures
7. Budget and justification of requested funds:
 - a. Include applicable budget spending categories (e.g. Personnel, Supplies, Mileage) with brief justification of stated unit costs, and note how expenditures will be tracked
 - b. Specify any project work or expenses provided by existing or expected other revenue sources, volunteers or other in-kind contributions, etc.
8. Copy of project lead/PI resume/CV (optional)
9. Letters of Support

Submittal Instructions:

Submit complete application package as one document, in either Microsoft Word or PDF format, to grants@swvma.org with email subject "2026 SWVMA Invasive Vegetation Grant Proposal" no later than **August 21, 2026**. Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status in mid-September, with ability to initiate project work in October.