



Request for Proposals Announced October 7th, 2009

Local Implementation Grant Applications are Due December 4th, 2009

Dear Lake Champlain Basin Organization Leaders:

The Lake Champlain Basin Program is pleased to announce the 2009 Grant programs! The Local Implementation Grant programs covered in this announcement include: ***Pollution Prevention or Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention Grants*** (up to \$10,000 per grant for technical projects), ***Organizational Support Grants*** (up to \$2,000 per grant for organization building), and ***Education and Outreach Grants*** (up to \$7,500 per grant for educational projects). New this year, the LCBP is also offering grants toward ***Pollution Reduction on Small Farms in the Missisquoi and St. Albans Bay Basins*** (up to \$3,000 per farm for pollution reduction initiatives). The LCBP anticipates awarding more than 25 grants, summing to more than \$145,000 in 2009 to support local community involvement toward the implementation of the comprehensive management plan *Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin*.

Grant Guidelines are available in the grants section of the LCBP website at www.lcbp.org/grants.htm to help you prepare a competitive application and to let you know how the grant program works.

Application Forms are provided in both PDF (Adobe Acrobat) and Microsoft Word formats, for your convenience. Please review all of the materials provided within the ***Grant Guidelines*** carefully before beginning your application. Organizations with existing LCBP-funded projects are eligible to apply for new funding only if all project deliverables and obligations under the existing and past awards are fully up-to-date and the projects are in good standing.

I encourage you to contact us at the LCBP office for assistance as you begin to develop your project. Because they do not make award decisions, our staff can help you interpret the application instructions and guidelines.

Please note that completed applications **must be received** at the LCBP office in Grand Isle by close of business on the date noted above. We hope to have award decisions by the last week of January 2010.

If you would like to receive a printed or email version of this grant, or if you would prefer not to receive these notices from the LCBP, please contact us at 802-372-3213 or grants@lcbp.org.

I look forward to seeing the 2009 applications!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Howland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Howland
Lake Champlain Basin Program Manager