



2012 Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention Grants:

APPLICATION FORM

Applications must use the format below and provide all of the information requested to be considered for review.

A. Summary Page

On a single page, please provide the following information in the order shown:

Project Name/Title:

Project Category: Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention

Contact Information:

Name of Contact Person:

Authorized Signatory and Title (if different from Contact Person):

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Phone and FAX numbers:

Electronic Mail Address:

Eligibility: Please list all of your organization's current Lake Champlain Basin Program grants. Any organization with an existing award that has overdue workplans, reports, or other deliverables is ineligible and should not apply.

All new projects will be required to submit a workplan within sixty days after award notifications are made. Projects must be initiated no more than six months after award notification. If these deadline specifications are not met then awards will be lost.

Amount of LCBP Request: (\$15,000 maximum)

Organization Mission Statement: (3-5 sentences)

Brief Project Summary: Please describe your project in 3-5 sentences

Project Outcome/Deliverable: Please provide one sentence describing measurable project outcomes.

I have read the QAPP guidelines and expect that this proposed task

will require a QAPP

will not require a QAPP

B. Application Questions

Please answer the following questions in order, using no more than 3 pages combined (12 point Times New Roman (or equivalent) font or larger, minimum 1 inch margin on all sides). Complete applications should be no longer than 5 pages in length (1 summary page, 3 pages for application questions/answers, 1 budget page). **Additional pages (except letters of support) will NOT be reviewed.**

Please include both the questions and your answers in the narrative, which should describe your project as directly and concisely as possible. The review committee will evaluate your application based on your answers to these questions, according to the criteria listed in the *Grant Guidelines*.

1. Describe your project and document the need for this work to be accomplished. If part of a larger project, please describe in detail the portion of the project for which you are seeking LCBP funding. Are you aware of other organizations doing similar work? If your project will take place on private land, how will it benefit the broader community?
2. Explain how your project addresses aquatic invasive species spread prevention priorities or any of the other priorities in *Opportunities for Action*. Identify measurable environmental outcomes from your project (e.g. area of water chestnut harvest, number of days of boat launch steward coverage, number of sites surveyed for invasive species).
3. Please use the **example format below** to describe your project objectives, tasks to fulfill these objectives, deliverables produced by each task, and timeline for task completion.

Project Objective, Task, Deliverable and Timeline Table Format (please fill in for your application)

Task #	Objective	Task	Deliverable	Timeline
0	Develop a QAPP	Describe quality assurance procedures that will maintain project performance.	QAPP approval	June - August 2012
1	Plan water chestnut harvesting	Determine schedule of days and locations for harvests and publicize to volunteer groups.	Calendar of harvest	June 2012
2	Conduct harvest	Coordinate volunteers and equipment. Contact local media and provide press releases.	Pounds of water chestnut harvested, number of harvest hours	July-August 2012
4	Complete final report	Compile project summary, plans, articles, photographs.	Final report	January 2013

4. Please explain the techniques and methods you and your partners will use to complete the project tasks. Are there feasibility issues to be worked out (permits needed, landowner permission, or technical issues)? Please explain.
5. Describe your experience with similar projects. Who will be involved in the proposed project (staff, volunteers, board members)? Does your project involve the local community?
6. Complete a Budget Table, based on the guidelines provided in Section C, below. The total funding request must be within the limit of the grant category. Vague or inflated budgets will not be competitive.

C. Budget Table and Justification

Please use the format below for your budget table.

- If the LCBP request is part of a larger project, please indicate the estimated total project value and the funding source.
- All expenses should be placed into one of the following major categories:
 - Direct Costs - subcategories include: Personnel (including fringe benefits), Supplies, Contracts, Equipment, and Travel.
 - Indirect Costs – include general office and operating expenses, insurance, bookkeeping, etc. Please refer to the *Grant Guidelines* for more information about direct and indirect costs, eligible expenses, and matching contributions.
- If your project includes several tasks, it is helpful for each task’s budget to be broken out separately from the other tasks.
- List additional specific expense categories where appropriate as indicated.
- For projects requiring a QAPP, LCBP will not pay for any data collection or analysis activities started prior to development and receipt of a fully-approved QAPP
- Budget items should be divided into funding sources as shown in the budget table. At minimum, show which items will be covered by the LCBP grant and which items will be part of your matching contribution (if matching contributions will be used). List other sources of funding that are not being used as match (such as other federal funds) below your budget table, as shown.
- In addition to the budget table, please include a brief justification for each line in your budget, as in the following example:

Budget Justification:

 - Project Coordinator: supports staffing for oversight of project activities, 50 hours @ \$18/hr.
 - Volunteers: streambank plantings, etc., 25 hours @ \$10/hr.

Project Budget Table Format (Dollar values for illustration only.)

Expense	LCBP Grant Request	Non-Federal Matching Contribution	Totals
DIRECT Costs:			
Personnel			
Project Coordinator	\$900	\$100	\$1000
Volunteers		\$250	\$250
<i>(Add specific lines as needed)</i>			
Travel <i>(Add specific lines as needed)</i>	\$100	\$100	\$200
Supplies/Materials			
Printing	\$250		\$250
Mailing	\$75		\$75
<i>(Add specific lines as needed)</i>			
Contracts <i>(Add specific lines as needed)</i>			
Equipment <i>(Add specific lines as needed)</i>			
Other (please specify)			
INDIRECT Costs:	\$100	\$100	\$200

Totals	\$1,425	\$550	\$1,975
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*Additional Federal funds supporting this project include \$500 from an EPA grant.

D. Letters of Support

Attach any required letters of participation and up to three letters of support to your application. Only the first three letters of support included in your application will be reviewed. Please be sure that the letters are signed by the appropriate authors. **Letters of support received separately from the application will not be included in the application review.** See the *Grant Guidelines* for more information.

E. Submission Process

- Please submit **ten (10) hardcopies** of each application to the LCBP address listed below. In addition, please submit the electronic versions of your summary page, application questions, and budget page either on compact disk or by email to grants@lcbp.org.
- Both hardcopies and electronic versions must be submitted by the due date.

Applications must be received in the Basin Program Office by 4:30PM, Tuesday, March 27th, 2012.
Successful applicants will be notified by early May 2012.

Send completed applications (hard copy and electronic version) to grants@lcbp.org. Direct all questions to Meg Modley, Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Coordinator (mmodley@lcbp.org).

PHONE: 800-468-5227 (Toll free in VT/NY) or 802-372-3213

ADDRESS: Lake Champlain Basin Program, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458