Show Me the Money!
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Center for Invasive Plant Management

• Based at Montana State University – Bozeman
• Western ecosystem focus
• Information clearinghouse – www.weedcenter.org
• Products and tools for land managers
• Online education correlating science and management
• Technology transfer
CIPM grants

CWMA – hope to reinstate in 2008

- $5,000
- Online application
- Gino Graziano, 2006, for Alaska CWMAs

National CWMA Conference
Late 2007 or early 2008

CIPM grants

Research

- Seed Money
  - Tricia Wurtz/Blaine Spellman, Univ. AK-Fairbanks
  - Christa Mulder, Univ. AK-Fairbanks
- Decision-making

  - New info posted in January
  - Application deadline in March
Let’s work together!

MT weed prevention demo
WY weed tour
Hell’s Canyon project

Our predicament

• We have a great idea or a great need – now we require resources (money, knowledge, equipment, labor) to move ahead.

• Where can resources be found?
• How can we tap into those resources?
Where can resources be found?

- Earmarked funds
- Legislation
  - Federal
  - State
- Grants and donations
- Other creative financing
  - Vehicle registration fee
  - Specialty license plates
  - Trust funds

National legislation

- Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004 – $15 million – passed but unfunded, to be implemented by APHIS
- Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control and Demonstration Act – $20 million – passed, not yet appropriated
- Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response (REPAIR) Act (HR 5900) – introduced in House
• National Aquatic Invasive Species Act (S 770, HR 1591) – hearings in House and Senate

• Natural Resources Conservation Service implements grants programs authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill
  – EQIP, WHIP, GRP, CRP, WRP, CIG, GLCI...

Funding Sources

Federal

• U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (handout)
  – Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Svc
  – APHIS (cooperative agreements)
  – Forest Service
  – Natural Resource Conservation Service
• U.S. Dept. of Commerce
  – National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
• U.S. Dept. of Interior
  – Fish and Wildlife Service
  – Bureau of Land Management
• National Science Foundation
• Environmental Protection Agency
• Federal Highway Administration
• U.S. Department of Defense
Funding Sources

**State and Local**

- **States**
  - Check with state departments of agriculture, environment, water resources, recreation, parks, wildlife, transportation…

- **Universities**
  - Partner with Extension or research scientists

- **Local donations**
  - Community groups
  - Commercial orgs

Funding Sources

**Foundations**

- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**
  - Pulling Together Initiative (PTI)
  - Many other conservation-oriented grant programs

- **The Big Boys**: Turner Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, Heinz Foundation, etc.

- **Community foundations** – specific to states / locales

- **Wildlife organizations**: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Whitetails Unlimited
Where can I find grants?

  National Invasive Species Information Center
- http://www.weedcenter.org/grants/rfp.htm
  Center for Invasive Plant Management
- http://www.grants.gov
  U.S. government’s official grants website
- http://cfda.gov
  Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm
  USDA Coop. State Research, Education and Extension Service

Grantwriting How-to’s

  Carolina Biological Supply website has a good grant-writing section, with advice on each section of proposal; some links to funding sources.

  Finding, Writing, and GETTING the Right Grant for YOU - Lots of annotated listings for finding grants, tips on grantwriting, links to sites with grantwriting advice.

- http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html
  Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Basic Elements of Grant Writing. A good outline.

- http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html
  Foundation Center proposal-writing short course.

- Also, Google on "grant resources" and get tons of hits.
Grantwriting Rules of Thumb

- Call the granting officer before you start writing
- Tell your story well
- Follow the instructions!
- Be persistent

Making the pitch

- What is the primary interest of the funding source?
- What is the funder’s level of knowledge about invasive plants?
Making the pitch

- Economic impact information is useful
- What will be the results of the funding?
- How will it benefit the funder’s mission?

Writing tips

- Look for examples of grants previously funded.
- Write the abstract or executive summary last. Let the ideas settle.
- Proofread carefully; check your numbers.
- Have others read your proposal. Can they tell why you want the money and how it will be used?
- Don’t wait until the last minute!
You got the grant! Now comes…

grant administration 😞

• Reporting – on time, professional
• Budgets and budget categories
  – Personnel (salaries and benefits)
  – Supplies and equipment
  – Contracted services
  – Travel
  – Overhead / Indirect costs / Administration
• Credit the funders 😊

Example 1 – Wildlife Forever

• “…targeted for habitat restoration and acquisition, research and management, and educational projects. Special emphasis is placed on grassroots programs that involved local conservation, sportsmen’s or outdoor recreation groups.”

• “WF grants are challenge grants, and funds must be matched on at least a one-to-one basis from a third-party donor and sent through WF.”

• “WF Challenge Grants are open to all NAmer wildlife projects by nonprofit conservation organizations and government agencies… $1K to $10K but no set minimum or maximum.”

• Application Deadlines: Jan. 1st and July 1st of each year
Example 2 – US Fish & Wildlife Svc

Endangered Species Program -- Private Stewardship Grants Program

• “Grants…competitive…to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the ESA…”

• “Eligible projects include those by landowners and their partners who need technical and financial assistance to improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands… on-the-ground conservation actions… (not) education and outreach, planning, or research activities…”

• Proposals must be submitted to our Regional Offices by Jan. 23, 2006. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals to their State Single Point Of Contact for review…concurrent with submission to Regional offices…”

• PSGP proposal must include at 10 percent cost sharing (i.e., at least 10 percent of total project cost) on the part of the landowner or other non-Federal partners involved in the project.

• In 2005, USFWS awarded approx. $6.5 million to 72 projects in 38 states

Example 3 – Western SARE Professional Development Program

• “This year, Western SARE wants to fund projects that build ag professionals’ skills and abilities in: 1) ecological weed management strategies…"

• Approaches can include case studies… demonstrations or tours… workshops… development of materials…”

• Single-state projects capped at $30K/yr for up to 2 yrs; multi-state projects up to $60K ($100K for 2 yrs) – no cost-share requirement

• Primary audiences are extension, university faculty and staff, and field personnel of USDA agencies like NRCS.

• Proposals should illustrate the meaningful involvement of ag producers and personnel from land grant universities, nonprofit orgs and other entities in the project’s development, implementation and outcomes.
In summary…

• Where can I find resources (dollars)?
  – Many sources, check master lists

• How can I tap into those resources?
  – Understand the funder’s perspective
  – Talk to a potential funder about a proposal
  – Follow instructions!
  – Follow up

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