



Protect the Gopher Tortoise License Plate Grant Application

Summary

Protect the Gopher Tortoise License Plate Grants is a competitive grant program that supports gopher tortoise and commensal species research, education, and conservation, as well as upland habitat protection, restoration, and management in Florida to benefit the gopher tortoise and other upland species. The Protect the Gopher Tortoise License Plate Grant Program is administered by [Wildlands Conservation, Inc.](http://www.wildlandsconservation.org)

This grant program is possible due to funding provided by sales of the Protect the Gopher Tortoise specialty license plate. These plates are available at tax collectors' offices and tag agencies throughout Florida.

Eligibility

Florida-based scientific, conservation, and educational organizations are eligible to apply. Grant applications must support gopher tortoises, commensal species, and/or upland habitat through research, conservation, and/or education. Projects supporting upland habitat protection, restoration, and/or management also qualify. Grants will only be awarded for projects conducted within the state of Florida.

Evaluation Criteria

- Appropriate to mission
- Clarity of goals and objectives
- Clarity of plan for achieving objectives and evaluating results
- Reasonable and effective budget
- Matching funds

Application Guidelines and Requirements

The deadline for submission is February 15th. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by March 15th. Please send completed applications to gtplate@wildlandsconservation.org. Applications must be submitted via email in either a Microsoft Word document or PDF format.

Applications must contain the following information to be considered complete:

1. Project title
2. Name, affiliation, and contact information of project lead including email address and phone number
3. Project abstract: Approximately 250 words that provides a summary of the project and a clear statement of its significance.
4. Project narrative: Describe the project in approximately 1500 words. Include background information, project goals and objectives, methodology, expected results and significance, and state whether this is an on-going project. Describe coordination with other individuals, institutions, or organizations.
5. Project timeline schedule: Usually one to two years
6. Budget worksheet
7. Literature cited
8. Resume or CV (max 2 pages; project lead(s) only)
9. Supporting documentation (optional)

Sample Budget Worksheet:

Budget item	Item description	GT Plate Grant funds requested	Matching funding (if any)
Salary			
Supplies			
Travel			
Equipment			
Subcontractors			
Other			
Total			

Additional Requirements

- Grant recipients agree to provide a completed project summary and photos that may be used for social media posts, reports, and newsletters by Wildlands Conservation, Inc.
- A Grant Agreement and an Unlimited Indemnity Agreement must be completed by grant recipients before funds are disbursed.
- Awarded organizations are required to post/promote funding received from the Protect the Gopher Tortoise license plate on applicable social media platforms and in organizational newsletters/updates. Awarded organizations must also acknowledge funding provided by the Protect the Gopher Tortoise license plate in publications, presentations, and reports.

Questions

Questions can be directed to gtplate@wildlandsconservation.org.

