



APPLICATION

Florida Hurricane Irma Mini-Grant Program

Deadline for application submission: **October 31, 2017**

The [Gulf of Mexico Alliance](#) (GOMA) is a partnership of the five Gulf States, federal agencies, academic organizations, businesses, and other non-profits in the region. Our goal is to significantly increase regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico.

PURPOSE & PRIORITIES

The Florida Mini-Grant Program is a public-private partnership, administered by GOMA and funded by agencies, businesses, and private organizations, to provide funding for projects that address immediate needs as a result of Hurricane Irma in Florida. Mini-grants can be used to fund immediate needs in the following priority areas:

- water quality or water quantity
- natural habitats
- wildlife or fisheries
- resilience

TARGET RECIPIENTS & ELIGIBILITY

GOMA's Florida Mini-Grant Program is intended for non-traditional audiences who do not qualify for larger Federal assistance programs. Qualified applicants include small community groups and non-governmental organizations located in the Hurricane Irma-affected areas. It does not include state or Federal agencies or non-profits that receive operational or disaster funding assistance from a parent organization. Examples of qualified applicants may include neighborhood associations, school organizations, churches, museums, zoos/wildlife centers, etc.

Applicants must have a valid tax ID number and will be required to certify to the following statement:

I certify that my organization has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper completion of the project described in the requested application; has established safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain; will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of an executed grant agreement; and will comply with all applicable requirements of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this project.



AWARD DETAILS

Award values range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and will be provided to the recipient upon execution of a grant agreement. Grant award agreements and payments will come directly from the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. The Grant award agreement will require a Final Project Report at the conclusion of the project including:

- a summary of the need and how it was addressed,
- photographs of the project, and
- a reconciliation of how the grant funds were spent.

PROJECT DURATION

Project duration can be no more than 12 months, with an anticipated start date as soon as possible.

APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted via email to Laura Bowie at Laura.Bowie@gomxa.org by **October 31, 2017**. Applications must be submitted using the attached GOMA Application Form that requires the following:

- (1) Cover Page (1 page) – basic organizational information (*If all of this information is not provided, the application will not be considered for funding.*)
- (2) Statement of Need (1/2 page) – a succinct statement of what the organization needs and why (*Statement should include a clear nexus to Hurricane Irma or the application will not be considered for funding.*)
- (3) Explanation of Cost (1/2 page) – a brief explanation of how the organization intends to spend the requested funds (*Indirect or overhead costs are limited to 10% of the amount requested due to the small size of the grant funding.*)

Background information or other relevant information can be provided as attachments.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

GOMA intends to fund as many applications as possible. However, if there are more applications than funding, applications will be prioritized by demonstrated need, likelihood of success, qualifications, and ability to receive funds.

SUBMITTAL, SELECTION, AND NOTIFICATION

Applications must be submitted by email to Laura Bowie, Executive Director at Laura.Bowie@gomxa.org. We are evaluating applications and making awards on a continuing basis but none will be accepted after October 31, 2017.

Applications will be evaluated by GOMA state partners from Florida, and other partnership agencies and businesses. GOMA reserves the right to make selections based on the evaluation criteria and their own deliberations. Applicants will be notified of their award status in early November 2017, and projects can start immediately upon an executed grant agreement.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the Florida Mini-Grant Program should be directed to Laura Bowie, Executive Director, at Laura.Bowie@gomxa.org.



2017 Hurricane Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity - Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Project Information

Title of Project

Priority Area

<input type="checkbox"/> Resilience	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality/Quantity	

Project Location

County	
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City, State, Zip Code	
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Applicant Information (see eligibility requirements)

Organization Name

Organization Type	Tax ID Number

Organization Address

Street	
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City, State, Zip Code	
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Collaborating Organization(s) (if any)

Budget

Total Amount Requested (\$10,000 max)	\$
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Project Team

Project Lead (Primary Contact at Applicant Organization)

Position/Title	
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Phone	Email
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Certification Statement

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Certification Statement Signature



Project Description - 2017 Hurricane Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity

Describe how your organization was directly impacted by the hurricane. Describe your immediate need, proposed project, and how the requested funds will help your recovery. Include how your project relates to our priority areas: resilience, habitats, water quality/quantity, wildlife, or fisheries.

Funding Request - 2017 Hurricane Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity

Describe how the requested funds will be spent. Use enough detail so that reviewers will understand how you plan to spend the funds and evaluate if costs are reasonable. Overhead is limited to 10%.

Please note that GOMA may need to contact applicants with questions regarding their submissions.