



Dune Vegetation Cost Share Program

Administrative Process

The Importance of Dune Vegetation

Currituck County recognizes the importance of dune vegetation and dune nourishment. As a result, a dune vegetation cost share program is available to property owners.

Cost Share

Grantees are eligible for reimbursement of the cost to purchase, install and fertilize American Beach Grass plants (beach grass). Grantees are required to plant and fertilize at least 1000 beach grass plants per 100 linear feet of oceanfront property and will be reimbursed \$100 for doing so.

Requests may not exceed \$100 per 100 linear feet of oceanfront. Grantees shall not be reimbursed more than \$2,000.00.

Eligible Applicants

- Any owner of privately owned oceanfront property with a frontal dune
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 - The frontal dune is deemed to be the first mound of sand located landward of the ocean beach having sufficient vegetation, height, continuity and configuration to offer protective value.

Applications

Eligible applicants shall submit a complete application on or before 5:00pm on February 3, 2017.

Applications will be reviewed by County Staff and notice to selected applicants will be provided by Tuesday, February 7, 2017. If requests exceed funds available, the applications will be reviewed according to the Competitive Review Process.

Procedures

Selected applicants will be required to complete and submit a grant agreement and W9 on or before 5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2017.

Once the grant agreement has been executed, it will be returned to the Grantee along with detailed instructions. The Grantee shall plant and fertilize beach grass plants according to the required specifications and notify the County of completion. Grantees are responsible for the entire process including arranging beach grass purchase & installation through independent contractors.

Plants shall be installed by April 15, 2017 and an inspection must be requested by April 28, 2017 in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

County staff will perform a site inspection within two weeks of notification to confirm dune vegetation has been properly planted at the correct location according to the required specifications. Upon satisfactory inspection of the Grantee's property, the County Finance Department will reimburse the grant funds.

Grantees that do not complete plant installation or request a site inspection will not be reimbursed.

Competitive Review Process

If requests exceed the total funds available, County Staff will perform site visits and score applications according to the following table. Projects with the highest total score will receive priority until funds are exhausted.

Current Erosion Rate		Score
0-2'/year	1	
3-5'/year	2	
6-8'/year	3	
8'-10'/year	4	
Density of Dune Vegetation		Score
More than 50% Dune Coverage	1	
Less than 50% Dune Coverage	2	
No Vegetation Present	3	
Length of Impacted Dune Area		Score
<100'	1	
100'-250'	2	
250'-500'	3	
500'-750'	4	
750'- 1000'	5	
>1000'	6	
Approximate Average Height of Impacted Dune Area		Score
0-6' MSL	4	
6'-12' MSL	3	
12-18' MSL	2	
>18' MSL	1	
Breadth of Dune (East to West Dune Toe)		Score
25' or less	4	
25'-35'	3	
35'-50'	2	
50' or greater	1	
		Total: