



Tampa Port Authority Sovereign Lands Management Initiatives Program Submittal Guidelines

The Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is encouraging grant applications for its Sovereign Lands Management Initiatives Program. The program has funding of \$50,000 available for projects that provide environmental benefit for Tampa Port Authority Sovereignty areas. Eligible projects will be considered that provide for the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of ecological resources in Sovereignty areas of Hillsborough County that include Tampa Bay, the Alafia River, the Hillsborough River, the Little Manatee River, and Lakes Keystone and Thonotosassa.

Project concepts may originate from or be proposed by community groups, corporations, non-profit organizations, or government agencies. Proposals must be considered permissible or eligible for authorization(s) by appropriate regulatory agencies. Community grants of up to \$10,000 will be given special consideration. Matching funds are encouraged but are not necessary. Project areas must be located on public land and must positively benefit sovereignty areas under the jurisdiction of the Tampa Port Authority. Requests for funding to provide permanent employment positions or implementation of agency mandated mitigation or restoration requirements will not be considered.

Proposals must be received at the Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602, Attn: Environmental Department, up to and until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2007 and must include one (1) original and ten (10) copies of the Information Application & Questionnaire and requested submittal documents. The Information Application & Questionnaire is available for download at the TPA's website www.tampaport.com or by calling 813-905-5031.

Projects selected for funding will be those recommended by the TPA Sovereign Lands Advisory Committee, which consists of public agencies and citizen representatives. Favorable consideration will be given to projects, which involve:

Restoration of the Environment – Returning natural functions to an adversely impacted system, i.e., restoring natural grades, restoring hydroperiods or tidal circulation, exotic vegetation control, re-establishment of native plant communities, removal of debris or pollutants, water quality improvement, or creation of wildlife habitat.

Enhancement of the Environment – This is similar to restoration, but with emphasis on improvement of established natural systems.

Protection of the Environment and Native Species – Management, monitoring, research, education, and preservation necessary to ensure ongoing success of restoration or enhancement projects and protection of native species of flora and fauna. Examples may include public education through informational signage, brochures and navigational aids and the installation of boardwalks or trails, which restrict foot traffic



through sensitive areas. Water quality monitoring and research that results in an applied solution to the restoration of natural functions to an area and projects that support or enhance the adopted Action Plans of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan will be given consideration.

For questions regarding the application process and/or to obtain the required Information Application & Questionnaire please contact the TPA Environmental Department at (813) 905-5031 or visit www.tampaport.com.

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I. Project Name: _____

II. Organization/Group/Agency: _____

i. Are you (circle one): gov't agency non-profit community group corp. other

ii. Contact Name/Project Manager: _____

iii. Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

III. Project Information:

Previous Grant(s)

Have you ever received a TPA Sovereign Lands Grant previously? _____ If yes,
what year(s)? _____

Previous Project name/description(s): _____

Previous Funding amount(s) _____

Current Grant Request

Total Amount Requested (not to exceed \$10,000): _____

Which of the following Sovereign Lands Management Goals, preservation, restoration and/or enhancement of ecological resources, will this project address? (circle all applicable)

What specific Sovereignty area of Hillsborough County will this project affect? (circle one):
Tampa Bay, the Alafia River, the Hillsborough River, the Little Manatee River, Lakes
Keystone and/or Thonotosassa

Which of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program's CCMP goals listed below will your project address? (circle all that apply): water quality, bay awareness/education, habitat restoration, fish and wildlife conservation, dredged material management, spill prevention and response, or invasive species

IV. Submittal Requirements

One (1) original and ten (10) copies of the completed Information Questionnaire and attachments must be received by the TPA by 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 31, 2007. Please note, the submittal must also include an itemized budget indicating total project costs, matching funds (if any), and the requested funding amount. Other items such as additional project details, photographs, letters of support, etc. may also be included with the same number of copy requirements. Please see the Submittal Guidelines for more information.



5. Is your project part of an ongoing project? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, how will this grant fit into the overall effort? Please provide additional details on any matching funds in the required itemized budget.
6. How will you measure the success of your project? Please be specific. (Example(s): follow-up monitoring of a habitat restoration site, wildlife usage, public education)
7. **Please attach an itemized budget indicating total project costs, matching funds (if any), and the requested funding amount.**

The signature below attests that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

_____	_____	_____
Signed	Title	Date

Printed or typed name		

Return completed applications by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2007 to:

**Tampa Port Authority
Attn: Environmental Dept.
1101 Channelside Drive
Tampa, FL 33602**