

## **Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division Coastal Dune Restoration Grant**



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Does an agreement need to be signed between Broward County and the Grantee?**

**A: Yes. Both parties must sign an agreement. A copy of the agreement is available for download from our webpage.**

**Q: When are the grant funds made available?**

**A: The grant funds are paid on a reimbursable basis. Grantees must submit a close out report and apply for reimbursement after the project is complete.**

**Q: For a condominiums are applications submitted by the association or individual owner?**

**A: The application should come from the condominium association that represents the whole property and all owners.**

**Q: Are permits required to restore coastal dunes?**

**A: Yes. A Florida Department of Environmental Protection field permit is needed. There is no charge for a field permit.**

**Q: Is adding beach quality sand to a project site an eligible expense.**

**A: Yes. However, the sand must be stabilized by planting appropriate native dune vegetation. Adding sand to the beach may require additional review and permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.**

**Q: Are removal of exotics, supplemental planting, and maintenance work in previous dune restoration projects eligible expenses?**

**A: Yes. Removal of exotic vegetation not only requires knowledge about which plants are native and exotic, the work is also labor intensive and requires proper equipment. Sufficient resources must be available to ensure adequate control of unwanted plants.**

**Q: Can State Parks apply for the grant?**

**A: Yes.**

**Q: Can applicants submit more than one proposal?**

**A: Yes. The submittals must be for separate project sites and scopes of work. All proposals will be considered and evaluated and scored on their own merit.**

**Q: Does the grant cover funding for any type of irrigation whether it is permanent or temporary until the new dune vegetation is established?**

**A. Yes. Installing irrigation is an eligible grant expense. Installing irrigation on the beach may require a Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit.**

**Q: Is installing post and rope fencing around an existing dune an eligible grant expense?**

**A. Yes.**

**Q: The grant application says that only sea oats and native dune plants shall be used. In addition, a planting ratio of 80% sea oats and 20% other native frontal dune plants is recommended. Can alternative planting designs eligible for funding.**

**A. Yes. Other planting designs and planting ratios are eligible for funding. It is important to use the right plant in the right place. For example, installing a plant that is adapted to survive in the mid-dune or back-dune environment in the frontal zone is not appropriate. It is also understood that plant availability and price varies with market conditions and inventory. Modifications to proposed planting designs can be made as needed and in consultation with our office.**