



CITGO Caring for Our Coasts Gulf Region Grants Program

Request for Proposals

Proposal Deadline: November 1, 2019

Overview: Restore America's Estuaries is excited to again partner with CITGO, the exclusive sponsor of the *Caring for Our Coasts Gulf Region Grants Program*, to provide grants to organizations and groups interested in hosting locally-based volunteer events. These grants are intended to provide groups with funding to host clean-up, restoration, or other educational events. Funds should be used to support event activities; for example, to purchase trash bags and gloves for a shoreline cleanup or to purchase plants and tools for a restoration event.

Funds may not be used for political lobbying or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or specific elections, fundraising, budget shortfalls, general operating costs, scholarships or grants to individuals, or any other purpose beyond the scope of this request for proposals.

Proposal Deadline: Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern on November 1, 2019.

Proposal Submission: Applications can be downloaded from our [website](#). All materials should be submitted via email to grants@estuaries.org.

Available Funding: Approximately \$18,000 will be available through this program.

Grant Amount: The maximum amount that will be awarded to one organization is \$3,000. There is no minimum funding amount.

Project Period: Projects should take place between October and December 2019. Events outside of this timeframe may be considered.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants will be registered non-profits (501(c)(3)) and local community organizations in the Gulf of Mexico region. Organizations outside the Gulf of Mexico region, for-profit entities, and individuals are not eligible.

Evaluation Criteria: Project proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Potential for this funding to increase event capacity – e.g. additional volunteers/hours accommodated by this funding, additional number of plants, miles, etc. planted/improved
- Expected impact of the event on local communities and ecosystems – e.g. number of volunteers, amount of shoreline cleaned, acres planted, etc.
- Potential of the event to demonstrate a large reach and impact – e.g. events hosted by underrepresented groups
- Demonstration of community engagement and outreach – e.g. expected number of participants, future follow-up events planned
- Funding need

Grantee Requirements: Projects selected for funding will be required to submit a short report to Restore America's Estuaries following the event, detailing how the funds were used and outcomes of the event, and should include at least 10 quality photographs from your event, including at least one group photo with signage should it be available. Additionally, we request you provide 1-2 quotes from participants or staff members who attended the event.

Grantees will be expected to recognize both Restore America's Estuaries and CITGO on all advertising related to the event. Grantees will be expected to allow Restore America's Estuaries and CITGO use of their logo and/or name as it relates only to the event.

Contact Information: For questions about this RFP, please email grants@estuaries.org or call 703-524-0248.