

State of Maine
RFP / Proposal Master Score Sheet

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SCORESHEET FOR RFP# 201810212: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plants Removal									
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		7 Lakes Alliance		Balch Lake Improvement Association		Community Lakes Association		Collins Pond Improvement Association	
COST:		Cost:	(\$55,000)	Cost:	(\$13,000)	Cost:	(\$4,200)	Cost:	(\$29,200)
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)	41		35		36		38	
Plant Survey	(10)	10		6		10		10	
Local Resources and Match	(20)	20		18		15		10	
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)	21		20		23		22	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>92</u>		<u>79</u>		<u>84</u>		<u>80</u>	
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		Downeast Lakes Land Trust		Hogan and Whitney Pond Association		Jordan River Marina and Condo Association		Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed	
COST:		Cost:	\$57,600	Cost:	\$8,900	Cost:	\$12,672	Cost:	\$47,000
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)	41		38		36		43	
Plant Survey	(10)	10		10		10		10	
Local Resources and Match	(20)	12		8		10		20	
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)	21		22		19		22	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>84</u>		<u>78</u>		<u>75</u>		<u>95</u>	

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		Friends of Messalonskee		Friends of Shagg Pond		Lakes Environmental Association		Little Sebago Lake Association	
COST:		Cost:	\$75,039	Cost:	\$15,213.20	Cost:	\$50,600	Cost:	\$13,000
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)	36		38		42		42	
Plant Survey	(10)	10		10		10		10	
Local Resources and Match	(20)	10		10		20		20	
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)	18		22		24		25	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	74		80		96		97	
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee		Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council		Midcoast Conservancy		Raymond Waterways Protective Association	
COST:		Cost:	\$3,920	Cost:	\$65,000	Cost:	\$1,228	Cost:	\$12,000
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)	39		40		37		42	
Plant Survey	(10)	10		8		10		10	
Local Resources and Match	(20)	10		20		12		18	
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)	24		24		13		25	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	83		92		72		95	

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		Thompson Lake Environmental Association		Three Ponds Protective Association		Town of Kittery		West Pond Association	
COST:		Cost:	\$20,000		\$10,000		\$95,000		\$15,000
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)	38		34				42	
Plant Survey	(10)	10		8				10	
Local Resources and Match	(20)	15		18				20	
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)	21		20				25	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>84</u>		<u>80</u>				<u>97</u>	
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COST:		Cost:							
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives	(45)								
Plant Survey	(10)								
Local Resources and Match	(20)								
Track record/Experience/Training	(25)								
TOTAL	<u>100</u>								



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Sharon Mann
7 Lakes Alliance
P.O. Box 250
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$52,250.00** to the following bidder:

7 Lakes Alliance

Additional awards were made to the following bidders: Balch Lake Improvement Committee, Community Lakes Association, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Friends of Messalonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Jordan River Marina and Condo Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association

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Sincerely,

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Sharon Mann; Laura Rose Day; Charlie Baeder (charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org)
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov)
Subject: Plant Control Grant Awards
Attachments: EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf; award_7Lakes_201810212.docx

Good Morning,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

The offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

1. Use the grant funds only as specified in your grant application.
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As always, we are available if you have questions or concerns.

John McPhedran 207-215-9863, john.mcphedran@maine.gov

Denise Blanchette 207-215-5040, denise.l.blanchette@maine.gov

Note: LEA will e-mail removal tracking sheets and reporting forms to grant recipients.

Sincerely,
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Susan Jackman
Balch Lake Improvement Association
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East Wakefield, NH 03830

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$12,350.00** to the following bidder:

Balch Lake Improvement Association

Additional awards were made to the following bidders: 7 Lakes Alliance, Community Lakes Association, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Friends of Messalonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Jordan River Marina and Condo Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Sue jackman
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov)
Subject: Plant Grant Awards
Attachments: EFT Application Form.pdf; EFT Instructions.pdf; award_BLIMP_201810212.docx

Good Morning,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

The offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

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Jim Chandler
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March 17, 2021

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This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$4,200.00** to the following bidder:

Community Lakes Association for Bryant Pond (Lake Christopher)

Additional awards were made to the following bidders: 7 Lakes Alliance, Balch Lake Improvement Committee, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Friends of Messalonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Jordan River Marina and Condo Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association.

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:23 AM
To: 'chandler@megalink.net'
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov)
Subject: Plant Grant Award
Attachments: award_CLA_201810212.docx; EFT Application Form.pdf; EFT Instructions.pdf

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Rodger Patterson
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March 17, 2021

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This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$26,280.00** to the following bidder:

Collins Pond Improvement Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Rodger Patterson
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Award
Attachments: EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf; award_Collins_201810212.docx

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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$48,960.00** to the following bidder:

Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Big Lake

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Sincerely,

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: David Montague
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_DLLT_201810212.docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf; Vendor Form .pdf

Good Morning David,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

You will need to complete the attached Vendor Form to receive payments from the State of Maine.

The offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

1. Use the grant funds only as specified in your grant application.
2. Maintain records to show and account for use of grant funds.
3. Maintain a current Permit-by-Rule. **You will need a new PBR**
<https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/nrpa/ip-pbr.html>
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As always, we are available if you have questions or concerns.

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Hogan and Whitney Ponds Association
296 Bacon Street
Waltham, MA 02451

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$8,455.00** to the following bidder:

Hogan and Whitney Ponds Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:20 AM
To: 'Rich Auren'
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); 'Mary Jewett'
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_Hogan_201810212.docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

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Kevin Wood
Jordan River Marina Condo Association
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Raymond, ME 04071

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$12,038.00** to the following bidder:

Jordan River Marina Condo Association

Additional awards were made to the following bidders: 7 Lakes Alliance, Balch Lake Improvement Committee, Community Lakes Association, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Friends of Messalonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Kevin Wood; Susan Rogers
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Grant Control Award
Attachments: award_JRMCA_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

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Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$47,000.00** to the following bidder:

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, For Annabessacook Lake, Cobbossee Lake, Horseshoe Pond and Cobbossee Stream

Additional awards were made to the following bidders: 7 Lakes Alliance, Balch Lake Improvement Committee, Community Lakes Association, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Friends of Messalonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Jordan River Marina and Condo Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Toni Pied (toni@watershedfriends.com)
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_FOCW_201810212.docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

Good Morning,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

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P.O. Box 532
Oakland, ME 04963

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$38,471.00** to the following bidder:

Friends of Messalonskee

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Danielle Boutin; Friends of Messalonskee; Mike Guarino
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Grant Award
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Sumner, ME 04292

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$13,692.00** to the following bidder:

Friends of Shagg Pond

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Donnie Porter
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Grant Award
Attachments: award_FOS_201810212.docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf; Vendor Form .pdf

Good Morning,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

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Colin Holme
Lakes Environmental Association
230 Main Street
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$50,600.00** to the following bidder:

Lakes Environmental Association, For Sebago Cove, Sebago Lake, Songo River and Brandy Pond, Long Lake

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Blanchette, Denise L

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: 'Colin Holme'
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_LEA_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

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Pam Wilkinson
Little Sebago Lake Association
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$13,000.00** to the following bidder:

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: 'Pam'
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); 'Mary Jewett'
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_LSLA_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

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Diane Caracciolo
Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee
P.O. Box 125
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$3,920.00** to the following bidder:

Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

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Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); 'Mary Jewett'
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$61,750.00** to the following bidder:

Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

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March 1, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive Grant For The Removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$1,228.00** to the following bidder:

Midcoast Conservancy

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Patricia Nease; Tim Trumbauer
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Award
Attachments: award_MCC_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

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Neil Jensen
Raymond Waterways Protective Association
PO Box 1243
Raymond, ME 04071

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$12,000.00** to the following bidder:

Raymond Waterways Protective Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: info@raymondwaterways.org
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_RWPA_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

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Alex Bernardy
Thompson Lake Environmental Association
P.O. Box 25
Oxford, ME 04270

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$18,000.00** to the following bidder:

Thompson Lake Environmental Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: 'Alex Bernardy'; Marcia Matuska
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); 'Mary Jewett'
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_TLEA_201810212..docx; EFT Application Form.pdf; EFT Instructions.pdf

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Wayne Sylvester
Three Ponds Protective Association
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March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award in the amount of **\$9,500.00** to the following bidder.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
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Kendra Amaral
Town of Kittery
200 Rogers Road
Kittery, ME 03904

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Maine Department of Environmental Protection determination under RFP # 201810212: Competitive grant for the removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for **Competitive Grant for the Removal of Invasive Aquatic Plants**. The Department is hereby announcing that it has not selected the Town of Kittery to receive funding under this RFP.

The review team determined that the majority of your application was beyond the scope of the grant program. The application included management of two state-listed invasive aquatic plants (*P. crispus* and *N. minor*), however it also included nutrient management, upland invasive species management and management of two native aquatic plants (*Lemna* and *Wolffia*). Removal of the latter two plants, both native, is not permitted through this grant program. Two of the techniques proposed in the proposal to manage the invasive plants – herbicide use and cutting – may not be permitted or advisable for management. Per Maine statute, herbicide treatment of the state-listed invasive aquatic plants must be conducted by DEP. The techniques proposed for manual removal of invasive plants involving cutting or use of various types of rakes will likely not result in long-term control of the invasive aquatic plants in Legion Pond.

Awards were made to the following bidders: 7 Lakes Alliance, Balch Lake Improvement Committee, Community Lakes Association, Collins Pond Association, Downeast Lakes and Land Trust, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Friends of Messelonskee, Friends of Shagg Pond, Hogan and Whitney Pond Association, Jordan River Marina and Condo Association, Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Lakes Environmental Association, Lovell Invasive Plant Improvement Committee, Little Sebago Lake Association, Midcoast Conservancy, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Three Ponds Protective Association and West Pond Association

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Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:38 AM
To: jkellogg@kitteryme.org; kamaral@kitteryme.org
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov)
Subject: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Grant Proposal
Attachments: award_Kittery_201810212.docx

Good Morning,

We are writing in response to your proposal submitted for RFA #201810212, Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal. The review team determined that the majority of your application was beyond the scope of the grant program and we will not be awarding funding.

Please see the attached letter for greater detail regarding this decision.

Thank you for your interest,
Denise

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26 Tippy Lane
Eliot, ME. 03903

March 17, 2021

Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201810212. Competitive Grant For The Removal of Invasive Aquatic plants.

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Sincerely,

Denise Blanchette

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STATEMENT OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Any person aggrieved by an award decision may request an appeal hearing. The request must be made to the Director of the Bureau of General Services, in writing, within 15 days of notification of the contract award as provided in 5 M.R.S. § 1825-E (2) and the Rules of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases, Chapter 120, § (2) (2).

Blanchette, Denise L

From: Blanchette, Denise L
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Dennis and Linda Spinney (landd2@comcast.net)
Cc: McPhedran, John (John.McPhedran@Maine.gov); Mary Jewett
Subject: Plant Control Grant Award
Attachments: award_West_201810212..docx; EFT Instructions.pdf; EFT Application Form.pdf

Good Morning,

Attached is your 2021 Plant Removal Grant Award letter. DEP's objective in granting these awards is to assist your invasive plant control efforts. We will send your contract once the 15-day appeal period has passed.

The offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

1. Use the grant funds only as specified in your grant application.
2. Maintain records to show and account for use of grant funds.
3. Maintain a current Permit-by-Rule.
4. If applicable, adhere to OSHA diving standards.
5. If applicable, contact the DEP for inspection of contractor's equipment before the contractor launches in the lake and performs any work.
6. Provide an interim report and a list of divers submitted to LEA by August 6, 2021.
7. Provide a final report submitted to LEA by November 5, 2021.
8. Repay unused portion of funds.

New in 2021.

We have increased funding for plant removal in 2021 thanks to the increase in fees passed by the Legislature in 2019. Our hope is that these additional funds will help make your work a bit easier. We will make the full grant award in one payment.

- Grant recipients will be required to submit an invoice for payment. We will send an example of an invoice when we send contracts.
- To improve payment efficiency, we are requesting that all grant recipients **complete the attached EFT for funds to be directly deposited to your account**. Instructions for filling out the form are attached. It is important that the address you use for direct deposit is the same address you use for your vendor application (and grant application).

As always, we are available if you have questions or concerns.

John McPhedran 207-215-9863, john.mcphedran@maine.gov

Denise Blanchette 207-215-5040, denise.l.blanchette@maine.gov

Note: LEA will e-mail removal tracking sheets and reporting forms to grant recipients.

Sincerely,
Denise

Denise Blanchette, Biologist
[Maine Department of Environmental Protection](#)
Invasive Aquatic Species Program
SHS 17, Augusta, ME 04333
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**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

BIDDER: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/18/2021

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NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR: Denise Blanchette

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	<u>Points Awarded:</u>	
Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	39	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	10	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	24	
TOTAL POINTS	83	

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BIDDER: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/18/2021

Total Score 83 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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Plant Survey	Maximum (10)
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Local Resources (required 20% match) (Part III, Section 2, Part IV, Table 3)	Maximum (20)
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Track Record / Training and Experience (SEE previous grant reports) (PART III section 4)	Maximum (25)
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RFP #: 201810212
RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal
BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond
DATE: 2/17/2021

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	38	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	10	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	22	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	80

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RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: 2/17/2021

Total Score 80

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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BIDDER : 7 lakes Alliance
DATE:2/24/21

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	41	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	20	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	21	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	92	

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BIDDER : 7 lakes Alliance

DATE:2/24/21

Total Score 92

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	35	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	6	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	18	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	20	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	79

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BIDDER: Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/23/2021

Total Score 79 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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DATE: 2/23/2021

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BIDDER: Community Lakes Association
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NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR: Denise Blanchette
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	<u>Points Awarded:</u>	
Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	36	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	15	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	23	
TOTAL POINTS	84	

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BIDDER: Community Lakes Association

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Total Score 84 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal
BIDDER: Collins Pond Improvement Association
DATE: 2/19/2021

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	38	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	10	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	22	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	80

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RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

BIDDER: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/19/2021

Total Score 80 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	12	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	21	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	84	

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BIDDER: Downeast Lakes and Land Trust

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Total Score 84

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	43	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	20	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	22	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	95

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Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	36	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	10	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	18	
TOTAL POINTS		74

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Total Score 74 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	38	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	8	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	22	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	78

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Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	10	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	19	
TOTAL POINTS	(Max: 100 Points)	75

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BIDDER: Jordan River Marina Condo Association

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Total Score 75

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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BIDDER: Jordan River Marina Condo Association

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Team Notes for Rejecting the Proposal.
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BIDDER: Midcoast Conservancy
DATE: 2/18/2021

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	<u>Points Awarded:</u>	
Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	37	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	12	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	13	
TOTAL POINTS	72	

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Total Score 72 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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Plant Survey	Maximum (10)
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Local Resources (required 20% match) (Part III, Section 2, Part IV, Table 3)	Maximum (20)
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BIDDER: Raymond Waterways Protective Association
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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	42	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	18	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	25	
TOTAL POINTS		95

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RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

BIDDER: Raymond Waterways Protective Association

DATE: 2/18/2021

Total Score 95 Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	34	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	18	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	20	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		80

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Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

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Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	20	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	25	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		
	97	

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BIDDER : West Pond Association

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Total Score 97

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association
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DEPARTMENT NAME: Maine Department of Environmental Protection
NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR: Denise Blanchette
NAMES OF EVALUATORS: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran

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Numerical Score:		
Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives (Max: 45 Points)	38	
Plant Survey (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Local Resources and Match (Max: 20 Points)	15	
Track record/Experience/Training (Max: 25 Points)	21	
TOTAL POINTS		84

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Total Score 84

Scoring for Plant Control Grants (Maximum Score 100)

Project Purpose and Scope (Part III- Section 1)	Maximum (45)
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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Cobbossee Watershed

DATE: February 12, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Good summary of previous work, discussed preventing risk of spread, have done extensive survey and linked survey to the work plan.

II. Plant Survey

Have extensive survey, dedicated team, okay maps

III. Local Support and Funding

significant community match almost 100% cash match Grant to pay for diver time. Municipal support and fundraisers

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Coordinator has extensive training and experience managing invasives. Exec. Director also has long term experience. Hired a reputable contractor for the work. Has a management plan for some waterbodies.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Community Lakes Association

DATE: 2/9/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Close to eradication in the pump house cove and proper lake. The outlet pond below the dam is 50% covered (1.25 acres). Hiring contractor for 1-week removal, Monitoring and removing any found plant in upper part of the lake (Pump House Cove)

II. Plant Survey

Plan to do a complete level 3 survey with volunteers

III. Local Support and Funding

48% match. Community towns and volunteer support. Asking for under \$5,000

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Long time diver doing upper work and reputable contractor doing lower pond work. First year separate organization.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/9/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Good history of work done, and progress being made. Contract with NEM for 5 weeks. Estimate that 50% of the pond has invasive hybrid milfoil. No launches once clear chance of another infestation low. No launch also decreases risk of spread to other areas. Feel NEM has made good progress in 6 years just very dense population.

II. Plant Survey

Survey before and after treatment to direct work and mark progress.

III. Local Support and Funding

Adequate match 29%. Small pond with limited financial resources. Does receive funds from Towns and other groups. Works with LSLA association to share costs on materials for harvesting. Volunteer crew supports contractor work.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

All volunteers have been trained in invasive plant removal and barrier construction and placement. Contractor for bulk of work is experienced and has a good reputation.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Downeast Lakes Land Trust

DATE: 2/10/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Project clearly outlines goals and objectives for comprehensive management. Have a fully developed one-year management plan. New infestation with new management group that has done considerable amount of work to recruit new partners to build sustainable effort. No Map

II. Plant Survey

Working with LSM and strong local support despite new collaboration. Have all major groups in the area involved in planning and contributing. DEP has done a lot of survey in Rapids Response

III. Local Support and Funding

Strong local support despite new collaboration. Have all major groups in the area involved in planning and contributing. Minimum match 20%, 17% Admin cost.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

New project. Hiring experienced reputable contractor. Working with State, local resources to train staff and volunteers and coordinate efforts to build a sustainable program. DLLT is well established environmentally conscious nonprofit organization.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/9/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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.I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Brief summary of previous work. Discuss preventing risk of spread. Link work to herbicide in NH and DASH in Maine.

II. Plant Survey

Describe survey before and after treatment to direct work and assess success.

III. Local Support and Funding

Community support from various work collaboratively with local groups education committee for outreach. 60% match.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Coordinator has 3 years' experience have committed board. Collaboration with Arrowhead, volunteers for surveys.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Messalonskee (Snow Pond Association)

DATE: 2/9/20

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Description and outline of conditions and work at each site only describes one team very vague on where the contractor will work and for how long. Describes some of the effort who is responsible for the work and the manner that it is conducted. Some regrowth in the Oakland basin now hiring contractor for the maintenance efforts in lake but do not list contractor work in table and timeline. FOM crew do outlying areas and for 2021 will focus on the stream high use areas and survey to assess other areas of removal. Objectives in line with goals. Have established method to provide sustainable effort. Program is evolving to meet the changing needs of staffing and infestation flux. Belgrade stream looking to work with landowners. 7 lakes also work in the Belgrade Stream.

II. Plant Survey

Survey pre and post to assess work and direct work. Looking to survey 75% of Messalonskee Stream to target areas for removal.

III Local Support and Funding

25% match. Community support for financial some assistance with survey. Looking to expand volunteer involvement. Incorporate CBI into mitigation to broaden involvement.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Coordinator has been with program for 3 years board members with longer term experience to assist in consistent flow. Shadow training to move crew up through responsibilities.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: 2/8/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Mentioned goals and objective. Does not provide much detail beyond amount of time spent of harvesting. Provides little information on method for example moving from most dense to less dense areas or vis versa. Does not describe how areas are prioritized or removal and how time is allocated for removal.

II. Plant Survey

Does complete survey multiple times each year by surface, drone and diver. Focuses on areas of high risk and spread. Nice map with detail, defined areas and amount of plant removed.

III. Local Resources and match

Describes diverse community support. 28% match. Volunteers growing in numbers. Community involved in financial support. First year not part of CLA, becoming a separate (501) c3

IV. Training and Experience/ Track Record

Completes reports, training attentive to deadlines and with some detail. Communicates with agency over issues and progress.

All have attended training on invasive plants. Training more volunteers to survey and hand remove shallow areas. Has not provided names of any new divers for two years but mentions divers 1-10 years' experience. Contractor has several years with this species

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Hogan and Whitney Pond Association

DATE: 2/9/20

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Very detailed Purpose and scope. Outlines the infestation, progress made and goals for future work in all areas of concern. Prioritizes areas of work in a manner that encourages success and limits spread. Will look to the south end and work on Trip pond Rabbit road culvert to try to manage source of potential infestation, while still focused on north end and preventing infestation to Whitney Pond. Church group using barriers and self-funding the project.

II. Plant Survey

Surveys done annually before and after harvest to direct work and assess progress. Map hand drawn provides limited information on density work done and progress.

III. Local Support and Funding

Small lake association raises 29% match and provides equipment for some survey and small removal efforts. New relationship with church campground to coordinate efforts at beach and high use areas.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Coordinator has been trained in all aspects of removal program and has been consistent for 3 plus years. Few other residents are fully involved in the program. Hired contractor is reputable and experienced.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Good project overview for 2021. Coordinated efforts with area groups to improve efficiency. Hire NEM adding three additional days to address area at outlet to lake not previously addressed. Prioritizes risk areas appropriately to address spread risk. Noticed increase in boat traffic and efforts to manage to prevent fragmentation and spread.

II Plant Survey

Survey done by diver crew pre and post-harvest. Using survey information from RWPA as well to increase level of understanding of infestation and areas needing attention

III. Local Support and Funding

Financial support provided by members and adjacent groups Indian point, and Panther Run Marina, Jordan River Channel.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Hire experienced and reputable contractor for work. Coordinators of the program have addressed JRMCA milfoil issues for 3 or more years and show ability to work well and coordinate with adjacent groups that increase the potential for positive outcomes.

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Outlines issues for two species to be removed. N. minor and M. heterophyllum. Describes need for new equipment, training and coordination to deal with new species. Hopes to do a larger level survey for N. Minor. Two DASH boats and crews to work a 16-week season. Reduced invasive milfoil by 50% challenge to work both species hope to continue to reduce the milfoil and eradicate the N. minor.

II. Plant Survey

Sites a 2006 survey though mentions new survey plans for 2021 with YCIAP and IPP's on lake. Map is limited in scope from 2001. Provides a general overview of site locations.

III. Local Support and Funding

Strong local support has assisted in the longevity of the program. Support is financial and in volunteer efforts to raise funds and awareness. 100 plus volunteers. 55% cash match. Trying to recruit younger members to sustain

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

DASH crew is experienced and have been long term assets to the program. Coordinator is also long term and has the mechanical knowledge of operations to sustain operations.

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Has clearly outlined goals and objectives for four areas of work. Long and Sebago lake, Sebago Cove and Songo/ Brandy Pond. Identifies goals for each area priorities highest risk of spread sites first and move to progressively less risk prone sites. Using barrier and harvesters and adding a new crew to a allow a dedicated crew on each area needing work. Continue to see progress in some very heavily infested areas and hope to achieve "functional" eradication in Long lake.

II. Plant Survey

Completes survey on each area of infestation before during and after work. Looking to possibly do another full survey on Long. Survey on surface and by diver.

III. Local Support and Funding

Excellent community support in funding match and resources though volunteers is always less the program has significant resources to address long term issues.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

New coordinator though this person is not new to the organization. This will be the third new coordinator in three years. Long term director still aware and involved in the program that helps keep some consistency despite the coordinator turn over. Crew leaders have been with the program long term. Hired 20 divers to maintain effort on crews some continue to return for years.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/9/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Goal to eradicate invasive plants. No plants found on 2019 2020 surveys. Surveys done by divers that have been working on the pond for 20 years. Have a clear plan for doing the survey and addressing risks.

II. Plant Survey

Have done extensive surveys by diver locating individual plants and removing them.

III. Local Support and Funding

A local effort that has had sustainable long-term success. Community involvement is good, match 25%

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

The program has been consistent and many of the founders from 20 years ago continue to participate

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Little Sebago Lake

DATE: 2/9/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Very detailed overview of the program history and successes. Clear understanding of how-to priorities areas of concern to prevent continued in lake and out of the lake spread. Provided a detailed removal summary of previous work. Building of past success to increase present success. Has extensive maps and beginning to develop way to make better more detailed and flexible maps to document infestation and work.

II. Plant Survey

Completes annual surveys and is focusing on larger survey at present to get a more detailed understanding of the invasive plant presence. Has prioritized areas to survey based on density, use and risk.

III. Local Support and Funding

Extensive community support both in funding and in kind on the water support. 200% match

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

One of the first home grown removal programs in the state. Lead diver assists DEP in training and has been working on the lake for more than 10 years. Program incorporates new divers from time to time to maintain consistency. Coordinator has been with the program 20 years. Have reduced the infestation to the point of maintenance going from 2 seasonal removal crews to just one.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: MidCoast Conservancy

DATE: 2/8/20

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Brief succinct overview of project and current goals. Priorities a line with agency priorities

II. Plant Survey

Surveyed 40 % of lake littoral, good volunteer contribution,

III. Local Support and Funding

Average match yet good community support and involvement.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Limited training and experience with one staff member with one-year experience in the program. Looking to build from there. New coordinators on the ground and in management. Turnover has been high but second year for this coordinator.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Raymond Waterways Protective Association

DATE: 2/8/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Describes goals objectives and priority areas. Discusses RWPA's project in relation to the larger waterbody. Has begun to address areas in cooperation with other groups working in proximity. Also describes methods used to remove plant. Outlines areas of priority in plan and appropriate level of effort. Has a 2022 outline based on desired outcomes in 2021.

II. Plant Survey

Does complete survey multiple times each year by surface, and diver. Does area surveys for new infestations as well as progress on worked areas. Focuses on areas of high risk and spread. Many maps yet does not include his excellent end of season map outlining densities and efforts.

III. Local Resources and match

100% cash match, multiple partners and volunteers. Describes diverse community support. New cooperative agreement with group abutting their work to address the entire area. Good communication plan to address this.

IV. Training and Experience Track Record

Completes reports, training attentive to deadlines and details. Communicates well with agency over issues and progress.

All have attended training on invasive plants and have many years of experience with this species. Divers have all been on board for more than 3 years. Coordinator and president consistent

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/8/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Outlines general goals and objectives to manage the infestation areas named not consistent with map sites. 1.5 acres of infestation on North end by the dam. This area was describing as dense in final report 2020. Describes some community support seems to be mainly financial. Does not describe what volunteer efforts are though mentions volunteers are involved. Last year of 5-year plan in Pine Cove, area of major focus in past years.

II. Plant Survey

Narrative describes some survey effort but maps poor and provide no detail or clarity in defining areas work or progress that match narrative.

III. Local Resources and match

Strong cash match more than 100%. Volunteer involvement limited vague.

IV. Training and Experience /Track Record

Project manager has been involved for several years. Reports are often slow and communication sparse. Attention to details recommendations and input sporadic.

All have attended training on invasive plants. Has not provided names of any new divers for two years but mentions divers 1-10 years' experience. Contractor has several years with this species

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/8/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives
Purpose and scope outlines methods being used to manage the infestation. Describes some community support. Lacks detail on objectives. Plans for potential herbicide. Possible assistance with YCSWCD.

II. Plant Survey
Much of the survey and management done by contracted work by diver and surface. Maps by NEM helpful in seeing areas surveyed and worked including density of plants found and removed. Discusses Volunteer surveying yet unclear when they survey.

III. Local Resources and match
Strong cash match more than 200%. Volunteer involvement still vague and limited. New owners at Campground have been supportive. New owners at marina still an unknown.

IV. Training and Experience /Track Record
Project manager have been involved for several years and are in good communication with agencies and contractors. All have attended training on plant. Contractor has several years with this species

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: West Pond

DATE: 2/8/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Clear summary, has goals and objectives has outlined who will do the work and when

II. Plant Survey

Survey considers type of plant and do a complete survey before and after.

III. Local Support and Funding

Strong community involvement in fundraising and in working on the infestation. Has 89% match.

IV. Training experience and track record/

Has completed all reports as expected with good detail. Has 12 years' experience working this infestation and runs their own DASH

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes

DATE: 2/10/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope - Goals and Objectives

Descriptive history on infestation, outreach and risk of spread potential. Describe North Bay as heavy infested in the past, not sure this is accurate. Having two crews working opposite days to extend coverage. Hire contractor for 4 weeks (7 weeks last season). Using Burlap barriers on monocultures DASH. Getting in by emergent before growth, then working against the current from downstream to up in the stream. Looking to do a plan for Belgrade Stream.

II. Plant Survey

ADOPT a Shoreline continues surveys most of Great Pond and surrounding waterbodies by snorkel light boat and boat.

III. Local Support and Funding

Strong local support funding and collaborative. Raise over \$900K for efforts over the past decade for removal. Volunteers to assist with some removal efforts, surveys and in-kind donations.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

3 returning field staff and 4 years program manager. Dedicated trained survey staff.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes

DATE: February 15, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Detailed discussion of past infestations.

Proposal states that VWM had been heavy throughout shore of North Bay and dominant in small coves. Narrative describes locations with VWM and risk of plants spreading to other parts of the lake. Control in these areas critical to prevent spread. Removal is combination of 7 Lakes crews (2) and NE Milfoil which will remove 4 weeks in the fall to limit plants overwintering. Burlap barriers appear to be working well. Sector map of GMS is good approach to surveying and removal.

Cleared GMS of milfoil three times in 2020.

COVID precluded implementation of plan to allow dock Hoyt Is dock owner to do DIY removal around their dock; hope to make this happen in 2021. Also recruiting volunteers for GMS frag collection.

Collaboration with FOM on Belgrade Stream work.

Belgrade Stream: will work with towns and DEP to restore barrier at boat access near Wings Mills. Desire to work more broadly on approach to all of Belgrade Stream including development of management plan.

II. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$55,000; cash match is 180%. Inkind match ~\$10K. Significant annual fundraising dating back to 2012.

III. Plant Survey

Proposal describes plan for surveying North Bay.

Adopt a shoreline continues and 7 Lakes plans for AAS volunteers to assume role of IAP surveys in Belgrades (under guidance of 7 Lakes).

Significant staff and volunteer effort with plant paddles and associated surveys.

Great and Long Pond surveyed annually including snorkel/SCUBA in high risk areas.

Will start 2021 with full snorkel/SCUBA survey of GMS.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Program director nearly 10 years' experience, program manager with 4. Collaborations with Colby over the years. Community support both monetary and inkind.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: BLIMP (Balch Lake)

DATE: February 14, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Brief summary of work includes DASH in Maine and herbicide in NH waters. Important to manage in Balch to limit downstream flow of fragments. Apparent success of 2020 work demonstrated by little milfoil growth seen during DEP August visit (by K. Hahnel). Proposal attributes few fragments coming from NH side of lake to Procellacor treatment.

Is DASH work actually mid-May through October? I assume it is dependent on Arrowhead divers' schedule.

II. Plant Survey

Proposal notes that coordinator surveys the lake from spring to late fall but no details on approach to surveying – is this truly a level 3 survey coordinated annually?

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$13,000; 60% cash match. Grant to pay for diver time. Inkind match about 50% and mostly coordinator time.

65% of property owners contribute to project. Municipal support and fundraisers (limited due to pandemic).

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

BLIMP managing control since 2003, first with manual removal and DASH since 2010. Collaboration with Lake Arrowhead for divers and overall operations is good use of resources.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: CLA

DATE: February 14, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Grant going to NE Milfoil divers to remove in outlet cove for one week using small DASH owned by Auburn Water District. Unclear if expectation is that one week is sufficient for one pass through milfoil in outlet cove. CLA volunteers will inspect and remove at Pump House Cove monthly. Did CLA include map in submittal?

II. Plant Survey

Level 3 IPP survey at start and end of 2021 but unclear specifically who will conduct the survey. Regional effort by CLA to hold several IPP training sessions. All survey work by volunteers; no grant funds used.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$4,200; 48% cash match. Inkind match of 67% is mostly surface support. Town of Woodstock and CLA contributes 35 to 45% of project funds annually.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Program manager has 16 years' experience with milfoil surveying and removal. Proposal notes that volunteer diver will follow OSHA guidelines.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Collins

DATE: February 14, 2021

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

15th year of removal program. Progress made in north end with use of contractor (6 years by NEM). Collins volunteers focus on infestation in southern 2/3 of pond. 36 hours of dive time for Collins volunteer work – how much can be done during 2021? Limited use of barriers to provide cleared areas for residents (DEP note: remind Collins that these need to be moved every 2 months or so and are not meant to be permanent). No public ramp limits likelihood of re-infestation if current milfoil growth can be significantly reduced. Progress seen in areas worked in recent years but still some dense areas in north end to be removed by contractor. Plan is to use NEM for 5 weeks.

II. Plant Survey

Surveys done beginning and end of season to direct efforts from surface and by swimmers.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$29,000; cash match is 25%. In-kind match of surface support and divers ~18%. Relatively limited community support but dedicated and long-standing effort by several lake residents. Little success with other grant opportunities. Coordinate with LSLA on group purchases.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Very experienced, trained and dedicated group of pond residents continue to lead the annual effort. Over 10 yrs experience with DASH boat. Local in-kind support for repairs.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: DLLT

DATE: February 14, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

New infestation. Proposal uses management plan developed by DEP. Applicant could have tailored portions of the plan to specific parts of the grant application. Significant work was done by DLLT in recent months to form coalition to address infestation in 2021 and years to come. The map, which DEP has, is not referenced in the application.

There is a Rapid Response element to this project to prevent spread to Lewey and Long lakes.

II. Plant Survey

In future applications, would be better to tailor narrative to specifics of plant survey. Spread prevention effort (e.g., CBI program) should be included in overall project scope rather than under plant survey. No map submitted with or referenced in proposal.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$57,600. Cash match of 21% includes \$5,600 in housing by BLCA – is this in-kind or truly cash match? Planning for 8 weeks or removal by NEM?
Objective and purpose of volunteer time (in match table) could be clarified.
Big Lake Milfoil Coalition brought together by DLLT.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Brand new consortium brought together by DLLT has broad representation of local organizations including Passamaquoddy Tribe, guides association etc. DLLT itself has 20 years' experience working collaboratively in the region, is clearly an established and successful land and water conservation organization. Includes description of how consortium will function and expectation that scope of work and funding will grow in future years. Despite being first-time applicant, DLLT brings strong organizational foundation and consortium to the work.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: FOCW

DATE: February 13, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Narrative lays out challenges with controlling and preventing spread of three invasive aquatic plants in the watershed through FOCW's CBI Program. Watershed includes several high-use water bodies with boaters coming from all over New England. FOCW has received grant to develop DIY plant removal program for Pleasant Pond and Cobbossee Stream residents in response to reports that residents are removing on their own. Contractor will work 4 weeks on Annabessacook to survey for and remove post-herbicide treatment regrowth. Contractor 5 weeks in Pleasant Pond/Cobb Stream. Dates/times of CBI included in application. No mention of regrowth of Eurasian in November 2020?

II. Plant Survey

Survey of 2020 removal areas early in 2021 to determine locations for 2021 harvest. Coordinating with ALIA and DEP for surveys/assessment of Annabessacook (post-treatment), Jug Stream/Cobbossee, and Eurasian milfoil site in Cobbossee. Cobbossee Stream map labeling is confusing. \$3000 of grant for survey crew – assume this is to support Eurasian milfoil monitoring on Cobbossee.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$47,000; cash match is nearly 100%. Most of in-kind match (~\$9K) is surface support. Broad community support for FOCW work on plant removal and spread prevention (CBI Program).

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

20th Anniversary of FOCW in 2021. Three year-round staff balloons to nearly 40 during the season. FOCW had own DASH in the past but now contracting removal work to NE Milfoil. Program leader for FOCW has >15 years' experience.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: FOM

DATE: February 13, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Proposal states that contracted labor will be used for "maintenance" of the lake but the strategy and timeline table does not indicate when, where and for how long the contractor will work. Contractual work is referenced several places in the Plant Survey narrative but there is no indication of duration of contractor work in this section. The strategy/timeline table indicates work of the FOM team only; again, timeline for the contractor is missing from this table.

Proposal outlines approach FOM taking to invasive species prevention and management. Outlines specific objectives for 2021 including expanding efforts in Messalonskee Stream: surveying 75% of Messalonskee Stream and increasing removal. Maintaining gains in other areas using barriers, increasing membership and volunteers. FOM states that infestation in the lake is in maintenance mode.

Under plant survey: FOM working on outreach to Belgrade Stream residents to train them on milfoil mitigation.

Discussion of CBI program under training and experience section.

II. Plant Survey

Proposal states that a majority of the lake was surveyed in 2020 and details survey findings in each primary infestation within the lake.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$75,039; 25% cash match. In-kind 20% match. Grant would pay for dive team leader, staff divers, barriers, contracted labor (\$40K) and \$3842 in support staff.

Proposal notes support from community, FOM's approach to maintaining progress from staff development to control techniques (e.g., success with burlap barriers). Conscious effort to have a sustainable organization and to gain partners esp. along Messalonskee Stream.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Program running for 20 years. CBIs shadow milfoil removal crew and eventually some of them get SCUBA training and join removal crew. Manager with four seasons' experience. Proposal details the role of the milfoil crew.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: February 9, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Goal of eradication. Context of value of pond and area is highlighted. Proposal intimates that milfoil removal has led to improved water clarity but no data provided. Three weeks of contracted DASH planned.

Increased volunteers, including certified divers. Patrol pond for plants bimonthly after each harvest week.

Role of volunteers not detailed in strategy/timeline.

II. Plant Survey

Online map shows major infested/plant removal areas. Surveys through the season include surface and diver surveys.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$15,213.20; cash match is 28%. In-kind match (3378.90) is 22%. Most grant funding to contractor.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Six divers own property on Shagg. Residents donate plus local businesses and orgs. Youth paddle re invasive plants to be held. Four years' experience directly in plant removal.

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RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Hogan

DATE: February 13, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Proposal has a clear and comprehensive discussion of the threats, past removal work, goals of each area and approach.

II. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$8,900; cash match is 29%. In-kind ~65% match. Church organization hires divers maintaining barriers.

III. Plant Survey

Association members survey Hogan and channel to Whitney. Plants marked with buoys.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Current effort dates to 2012 with contractor hired since 2018. Hookah system for association work (v. contracted removal), barriers maintained by volunteers.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: JRMCA

DATE: February 13, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

All funding for removal contractor. JRMCA using RWPA plant survey to direct efforts in 2021 including adding three dive dates to address specific locations. Will remove the dense area in the outer river that was identified by RWPA. Time permitting, JRMCA will support RWPA efforts to remove milfoil near Rte 302. Proposal acknowledges the importance of the collaboration with RWPA. Contractor thinks several more years of removal will reduce infestation to maintenance level.

II. Plant Survey

Plant survey was done by RWPA and provided to JRMCA. Will use this survey to guide removal work in 2021.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$12,672; cash match is 25%. In-kind match only 11%.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Proposal notes volunteer surveying and removing until 2015 but I thought contractor did most of that work. Since 2015, three property owners have collaborated to pay minimum match for contractor's work. Contractor has extensive experience on removal projects.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: LACC

DATE: February 12, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

~Dozen+ years controlling variable milfoil; now brittle naiad added to the mix. Priority on eradication of naiad while continuing to control milfoil. Two DASH units June into September: 5 days/wk for 12 weeks followed by one boat for 3 weeks. Plant survey in early August to assess naiad removal. Proposal summarizes relatively short window for removal naiad and mentions possibility of herbicide use. Reduced milfoil removal in 2021 due to naiad. Need for CBIs to be alert to naiad.

Layout of management plan is jumbled. Naiad won't be first 4 weeks of season but narrative notes that timing of managing naiad will be determined in conjunction with DEP.

II. Plant Survey

References 2006 plant survey but notes that their own IPPs will have extensive plant survey effort in 2021 helped by Laurie C.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$65K; 55% cash match. Nearly 95% in-kind match (1500 hours of fundraisers alone). Match provided by towns, LACC, fundraisers plus volunteers. Challenge in recruiting new volunteers.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Locally-run, long-standing removal program with new pumps and air systems. Two divers with more than 10 years' experience, coordinator with the program since 2003.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: LEA

DATE: February 12, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Purchasing new DASH. Will have 4 crews operating independently mid-June through August. Hiring 20 divers.

Detailed description of areas to be worked in 2021.

Long Lake goal is functional eradication via hand removal and DASH. Removing barriers placed near Harrison boat access. Crew will survey and remove plants found through the season. Will attempt level 3 survey but no grants funds used for that effort.

Sebago: focus of this crew will be NW River. 95 barriers in NW River to be moved, also DASH to maintain boating channels. Plant from NW river intercepted at Moose Pd by CBI. Attempt to knock back to maintenance level. I'm not aware of public access site here. Also working Frye I.

Sebago Cove: property on west shore is being developed. Moving barriers and continuing efforts of 2020.

Songo/Brandy: also moving barriers. Need to work state park boat access which had considerable growth in 2020 which ended up on boats using the ramp. Working other known problem areas in the river system.

II. Plant Survey

Related to control work, fragment control during removal, survey to assess efficacy, and survey around work sites to look for new growth.

Surveying proper of Songo River, littoral zone of Brandy and Long Lake. Need to survey high traffic areas. Survey of Songo and Long covered by match.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$50,600; cash match is \$96,155 (Long \$10K, Sebago \$12K, Sebago Cove \$12,600, Brandy/Songo \$16K).

Significant financial (cash) and in-kind support for program from multiple sources over 15+ years. USDA grant for 2021 to 2025.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

New coordinator (Alanna) but crews have several years' experience and LEA overall has long-running locally-run program with long-term Ex Director who continues to oversee project.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: LIPPC

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

No milfoil found in 2019 or 2020. 48 hours dive time planned.

Goal is to have Cushman delisted and remove this threat to Kezar Lake Watershed.

CBI will sporadically monitor. Concern for allowing bait traps in Cushman.

II. Plant Survey

Five dives planned for 2021 – each one is a level 2 plant survey per the proposal. Map could show locations of past milfoil discoveries.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$3,920; 25% cash match. In-kind match >100% in form of surface support. Proposal notes volunteer participation and funding sources but lacks details.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Locally run operation for more than 20 years.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: LSLA

DATE: February 9, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Comprehensive purpose and scope includes long history of removal, sound approach to survey and removal, protection of native habitat, preventing spread to other waters (and other invasives coming to LS), and increase in boat use due to COVID. Table shows plant removal over the more than 15 years of effort. Budget notes that grant funding is for divers.

II. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$13K; cash match is 270%! In-kind match is >100%.
LSLA membership supports to the tune of \$23K annually. Towns and members continue to contribute. Need for significant repair of DASH.

III. Plant Survey

Not clear if colored maps have been updated based on recent surveys – I assume not. Pam has been asking for help with mapping and hopefully we can help with that. No lakewide comprehensive survey since 2005 but LSLA crew surveys all milfoil sites annually. They have established approach to surveying and removal that has led to significant reduction in plants removed annually.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Long-standing, locally-run program with extensive experience in all aspects of running a removal program.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: MCC

DATE: February 9, 2021

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Proposal states no hydrilla since 2016. Funding is for staff time to monitor. Proposal notes continued CBI and IPP.

II. Plant Survey

IPPs surveyed 43% of littoral zone using 50 volunteers in 2020. Plant survey of other areas in the lake should prioritize high risk areas.

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$1,228; cash match is 31%. 50 volunteers and 100 IPP hours planned.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

MCC and DLWA involved for 10 years plus. Frequent turnover in project manager in recent year. Despite relatively little experience with hydrilla, current manager capable and diligent.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: RWPA

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

I. Project Purpose and Scope

Excellent proposal. Complete and succinct discussion of project, including realistic presentation of project goal.

Strategy/timeline is linked to maps. Strategy is light on detail but notes help clarify approach.

Working with adjacent groups in 2021 to increase removal.

II. Local Support and Funding

Local volunteer support, in-kind contributions and monetary contributions are clearly described, including used of private property to facilitate operations in the river. RWPA entirely volunteer run.

New initiative for 2021 to coordinate with other area groups to manage infestation below Rt 302 bridge. CBI program is referenced.

Grant request is \$12K; cash match is >200%. In-kind match appears feasible.

III. Plant Survey

Pre- and post-season surveys done annually and tracked using grid pattern and 1 to 10 scale of infestation. Proposal notes other Raymond lakes with annual IPP surveys.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

RWPA has experience since early 2000's. Returning experienced DASH crew for 2021 season. Excellent past reporting.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: February 9, 2021

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Statement about impact of VWM in Thompson lacks specific examples. Two primary objectives stated: Robinson dam area and Pine Pt Cove plus two visits to four coves brought back to "native levels."

Map and strategy/timeline is not linked to named areas in Project Scope. Not clear in strategy which area is Robinson, Pine Pt etc

II. Plant Survey

Map (same as for previous applications) is linked to management plan but doesn't provide information on extent of infestation in each area.

20-25 hours of dive time surveying high risk areas. SMAIM will do level 2 survey. Are plants identified in and mapped in that survey available on map for DEP to see?

III. Local Support and Funding

Grant request is \$20K; TLEA cash match is >200%. Budget has \$115/hr diver rate. 550 hours of dive time is nearly 14 weeks – paying 2 divers at a time? Only ~\$556 in volunteer match but this may be realistic.

There appears to be considerable local financial support but the proposal doesn't detail the long-term funding commitments.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

TLEA milfoil project for last 15 years, last 6 contracted to SMAIM. Proposal doesn't provide evidence for annual goals being met. Divers attended VLMP training.

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Trained volunteers will survey river and Townhouse Pd. VIPS will conduct hand removal – I'm not aware they have done this previously. Hope to hire Laurie. Fragment collection of DASH work. Developing a plan to increase awareness and involvement in effort, including from Towns.

Info in this section is about operations but doesn't clearly state objectives.

Management plan recognizes short harvest period for the plant and notes herbicide likely needed in several NH areas in 2021. TPPA hopes that herbicide not needed in large Maine area in 2021.

II. Plant Survey

Detailed maps from NE Milfoil. Summarizes what has been done but doesn't state the plan for 2021 w/respect to VIPS and YCIASP to conduct volunteer surveys.

III. Local Support and Funding

Acknowledges long term effort. Funding from towns and TPPA coffers. Cash match for NE Milfoil work appears to be 200% from TPPA and towns. ~8K in-kind match, mostly 320 hours of volunteer surveyors/plant harvesters.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

VIPS (dozen people) survey ponds at least twice per summer including manual harvesting. (I know they had detailed surveying by volunteers the first year or two but wasn't aware this is ongoing.) Rich and Wayne most involved but doesn't appear to be a large experienced crew, particularly since most of the work done directly by contractors (herbicide and DASH).

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RFP #: 201810212

RFP TITLE: COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

BIDDER NAME: West Pond Association

DATE: February 8, 2021

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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I. Project Purpose and Scope

Concise summary of long-term effort (since 2005). Objective is to "recover the pond" and keep the plant from spreading to other water bodies.

II. Plant Survey

Plant surveys done throughout the summer from May into October. Methods: surface surveys when clarity allows and diver tows. GPS used to mark plants. Survey timing takes into account unique biology of this plant.

III. Local Support and Funding

Several fundraisers, mailings to all property owners. Town has not contributed. Fire depts fill SCUBA tanks. Significant volunteer help. Application shows 89% cash match. in-kind match of 200+% seems high but this group has 15 years' experience and they know what they are doing.

IV. Training, Experience and Track Record

Proposal details extensive experience managing this plant since 2005 using DASH, manual removal and dive tows to assess infestation. Extensive volunteer diver experience and record-keeping.



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AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
RFP #: 201810210

RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

I, Denise Blanchette accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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Denise Blanchette

2/7/2021

Signature

Date



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Acting Commissioner

AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
RFP #: 201810210

RFP TITLE: Competitive Grant Program for Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal

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February 8, 2021

Signature

Date