

Gunnison County Weed Management Program



Financial Assistance Program Application

Summary:

The mission of the Public Works Department is to provide infrastructure construction and management services to residents, visitors and County departments so they can travel on County roads, pursue recreational interests, and enjoy living in a more sustainable environment.

To help accomplish this objective, the Gunnison County Weed Management Program will provide financial assistance to persons occupying or controlling state listed noxious weeds on private land in Gunnison County. Subject to available funding, awards of financial assistance will be made for weed reduction or elimination that provides the largest public benefit. The Agreement to provide financial assistance incorporates the following conditions and the Applicant's Application set forth below.

Eligible Projects & Requirements

(1) NOXIOUS WEED REDUCTION: Treatments including chemical, mechanical, and cultural are only to be made on list A and list B weed species determined by the Colorado Noxious Weed Act.

Eligibility Requirements:

- List A or list b species have to have been identified and verified by the Gunnison County Weed Management Program.
- Applicants are required to allow the Gunnison County Weed Management Program to survey and Map any and all infestations prior to any treatments funded through the cost share program. Priority will be given to those with List A species and with the largest infestations.
- Applicants are required to submit at least one contractor bid. **All treatments made must be conducted by a Colorado state pesticide applicator.**
- Photos of the project area are required with application (emailed in digital format is preferred).
 - ❖ Map and scope of the project must be completed by a Gunnison County Weed Management professional

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read the application requirements thoroughly and fill out the application provided. Completed application can be submitted by mail or e-mailed to:



All paper applications: The Gunnison County Weed Management Program: Mountain Meadows Research Center P.O. Box 915 Gunnison, CO 81230



PDF/ scanned applications please e-mail Bradley Wigginton at: bwigginton@gunnisoncounty.org

Questions regarding funding eligibility or application requirements may be directed to the e-mail address above or by calling our office (970-641-4939).

PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Before beginning your application, please go through this pre-application checklist. If any of your answers are “no” please call us so that we can provide answers to these and any other questions you might have

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that this is a reimbursement program and I will be responsible for full initial payment to the selected contractor
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that after I submit this application, if it is approved, I will receive an Award Letter Agreement. The Award Letter Agreement will identify the exact cost-share percentage for my project as well as other details and expectations of the project.
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that, after submitting this application, I should contact my selected contractor to notify them that I have selected them as my contractor.
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that I should contact my selected contractor again, after receiving and signing the Award Letter Agreement, to schedule them to begin work to inform them of the project completion timeline identified on the Award Agreement.
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that any chemical applications used under this funding will be performed by an Colorado State licensed applicator
Yes	NO	

GUNNISON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Gunnison County will provide financial assistance to persons occupying or controlling private land in Gunnison County to assist with controlling noxious weeds subject to the terms of this Agreement. Subject to available funding, awards of financial assistance will be made for weed reduction or elimination that provide the largest public benefit. The Agreement to provide financial assistance incorporates the following conditions and the Applicant's Application set forth below.

1. The weed(s) to be eradicated must be listed as an "A" or "B" weed on the County Noxious Weed List, unless the Weed Board or County approves other proposed weed(s).

2. Financial assistance under this program is subject to the availability of funds for this program. The County reserves the right to cancel the program and limit the amount of funds available for each Applicant.

3. By accepting financial assistance for a project, the Applicant agrees to be solely responsible for the application of treatments to the land described in the Application. The Applicant covenants that the Applicant is properly licensed by the State of Colorado to apply any herbicides and other chemicals or agents listed in the Application and agrees to apply such substances in accordance with the laws of the United States, State of Colorado, and any regulations and rules thereunder. Applicant agrees to strictly follow any and all label instructions, manufacturer's recommendations and accepted industry standards. Applicant agrees that no chemicals or agents for which financial assistance is provided or offered will be applied to the waters of the United States or the State of Colorado on, in, or along any streams, rivers, canals, ponds, flood irrigated lands, flooded ditches, lakes or other bodies of water. Flood irrigated lands are not eligible for financial assistance.

4. Any weed treatments in Gunnison Sage-grouse habitat will be carried out using a "spot spray" approach in order to avoid any off-target damage to native plant populations. All seasonal road and habitat closures will be strictly adhered to during Gunnison sage-grouse lekking and nesting seasons, and no herbicide will be applied during this time. Mapping of treatments in Gunnison sage grouse is required and will be submitted to the Gunnison Wildlife Conservation Coordinator. If any "take" of Gunnison Sage-grouse should occur during weed management activities, applicant/ applicator will immediately notify USFWS staff.

5. It is agreed by and between the parties that the Applicant is not carrying out a function on behalf of the County, and the County does not have the right of

direction or control of the manner in which Applicant delivers services under this Agreement or exercise any control over the activities of Applicant. Applicant is not an officer, employee, or agent of the County.

6. The County is not, by virtue of this agreement, a partner or joint venture with Applicant in connection with activities carried out under this agreement, and shall have no obligation with respect to Applicant's debts or any other liabilities of each and every nature.

7. Applicant shall defend, save, hold harmless and indemnify the County and its officers, employees and agents from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities costs and expenses of any nature resulting from or arising out of, or relating to the activities of Applicant or its officers, employees, contractors, or agents under this Agreement.

8. Applicant shall be solely responsible for any income tax consequences associated with receipt of program financial assistance under this agreement. In addition, upon request, the applicant shall furnish County with relevant tax identification for reporting purposes.

9 Applicant hereby grants access to go upon all real property benefited by the project to the Gunnison County Weed Board, the Invasive Plant Coordinators, and their representatives to evaluate and monitor the project. Applicant will be expected to continuing treatment efforts on his/ her own in till species populations are eliminated or controlled to a manageable level.

10. Approval of this Application constitutes an agreement between the Applicant and the County. Financial Assistance will be paid upon completion of the project, receipt of required documentation and verification by the Weed Coordinator.

Noxious Weed Financial Assistance Program Agreement

This application must be submitted and approved before you start your project.

Name:

Telephone:

Address: _____

Mailing Address of Applicant

Project

Location(s): _____

If different from mailing address. Address OR Township, Range, Section and Lot number.
Include map of the project area if possible.

Email address:

Target Weed(s):

(Weed(s) project is focused on. The project must include a plant from the "A" or "B" noxious weed list established by the Colorado's Noxious Weed Act.)

Proposed Acreage:

Amount of infested acres that will be surveyed, treated and restored.

Proposed or Existing Use of Land:

Estimated Project Cost: (For treatment and restoration)

Approximate Starting Date:

Treatment and Restoration Plans:

Maintenance and Monitoring Plans: (What plans will be incorporated to prevent future infestation?)

I have read the above agreement, understand its terms and agree to comply with the above listed criteria and be responsible for the project.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

APPROVAL BY DATE

RETURN TO: Gunnison County Weed Management Program: Mountain Meadows Research Center P.O. Box 915 Gunnison, CO 81230. For questions call (970) 641-4393 or email- bwiggington@gunnisoncounty.org. After this application has been reviewed you will be contacted.