The Jackson Lenawee Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area’s (JLW CISMA) over-arching goal is to increase community awareness regarding invasive species and promote measures to increase the resiliency of our terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in the face of invasive species. An invasive species is one that is **not native** and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to **cause harm** to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health. We wish to increase community capacity to manage invasive species by providing resources and assistance to partners and tri-county residents to prevent, detect and perform early detection-rapid response. The JLW CISMA is funded through state initiatives and provides technical advice, educational/outreach opportunities, and performs monitoring/species identification services. Our goal is to protect natural areas from being overrun by invasive species and promote biodiversity in rural, urban, and protected areas within the tri-county region.

Overview:

The intent of this grant program is to provide funding for residents, small businesses and partner organizations looking to manage Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) within Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw Counties in Michigan. Using a prioritization tool to evaluate sites, the JLW CISMA Steering Committee will review all applications and select those that will receive funding. This grant program may reimburse the applicant up to 100% of the cost of treatment (to a maximum value of $1000), and is contingent upon available funds. More competitive applications will be those that have a higher match (where part of the treatment will be funded by the applicant or other funding source). Results and notification of funding may be posted on our website and advertised via JLW CISMA emails, newsletters or other means.

Timeline:

Deadline for final applications will be 5pm on June 28th, 2021

Grants Awarded: Early or mid-July of 2021

Summary Report Due (End of the Project Period): September 30, 2021

Grant Submission and Project Requirements:

* Area to be treated must be located within the Jackson, Lenawee, or Washtenaw County boundary
* Treatment must be performed by a professional and licensed treatment company (verified prior to treatment)
* Private residents, small businesses, and partner organizations are eligible to submit an application for projects in line with the JLW CISMA’s goals and objectives listed above
* Applicant will hire the contractors (property owners will need to fill out a treatment agreement form prior to any treatment efforts) and the JLW CISMA will reimburse the amount awarded to the applicant
* Reimbursement requests needs to show an itemized receipt of payment to the contractor performing the treatment (showing treatment was for Japanese knotweed or how much of the final bill was for Japanese knotweed if other species were treated)
* Reimbursement process may take up to two months post project period

Additional Information:

* Landowners can group together if one person is willing to pay on behalf of the others and will be responsible for reimbursement distribution (how the payment distribution will occur needs to be clearly stated in the application)
* All owners must have knowledge of the treatment
* Landowner must give written permission for access to property as well as herbicide application (and have all necessary permits, if required)
* Contractors will notify immediate neighbors of treatment by posting treatment signs with date and herbicide in accordance with local, state and/or federal laws
* An itemized final budget for the project should be included in the final report (that summarizes the final treatment processes and identifies any challenges faced). If changes need to be made to the budget submitted in the grant application process, please contact the JLW CISMA for approval
* A site visit will be performed by JLW CISMA staff prior to grant acceptance
* All funds are to be used within the project period which concludes September 30th, 2021

Email the application, prioritization tool document, photographs of the site where infestation is, and any other supporting documents to the JLW CISMA Coordinator (Shikha Singh) at shikha.singh@macd.org *Please include your last name in the file name of any electronic document/photograph you send.* For more information or questions, please call (517) 395 - 2089.

**Application Questions**

Please answer the following questions (*three-page max., 11 point font*).

1. Name:

Organization (if applicable):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address of Area to be Treated:

1. Total Amount Requested:

Please describe how much funding you are looking for, and how much funding (match) you can provide for this treatment.

1. Please describe the timeline for this treatment project (note that all treatment and final report should be completed by September 30, 2021).
2. Please describe any other sources of matching funds for this project, this could include volunteer time and in-kind contributions. If none, please write “N/A”.
3. Please describe the treatment method (e.g. herbicide, mechanical…) this funding would be used for. Please include the full name of any herbicide to be used here.
4. To completely eradicate invasive species from an area, treatment efforts are generally needed for three plus years post initial treatment. Do you have a treatment plan and funding for treatment efforts after this project has ended? If so, please provide details below.
5. If the applicant is not the landowner, please provide a consent letter from the property owner.