The Jackson Lenawee Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area’s (JLW CISMA) over-arching goal is to increase community awareness regarding invasive species, promote measures to increase the resiliency of our terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in the face of invasive species, and to increase the 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. We want to protect natural areas from being overrun by invasive species, and promote biodiversity in rural, urban and protected areas within the tri-county region. The JLW CISMA uses the definition of “invasive species” as defined by the Michigan Invasive Species Program: *“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.”.*

Overview:

The intent of this grant program is to provide funding for residents, small businesses and partner organizations looking to manage or restore areas located within Jackson, Lenawee and Washtenaw Counties, which will advance the JLW CISMA’s fourth objective in providing rapid response and strategic management of invasive species within the Jackson, Lenawee and Washtenaw Counties. The Steering Committee will determine what applications get funded using the tier system and prioritization list (please refer to the JLW CISMA Strategic Plan found at www.jlwcisma.weebly.com). Focal species include Phragmites, Japanese knotweed, Giant hogweed, Black or Pale swallow wort, Chinese yam and species listed on the DNR watch list (link listed under “Additional Information” section). Funding requests for Japanese stiltgrass management are not eligible for this grant. The JLW CISMA Steering Committee will review all applications and make the final decision on which grants will receive funding. The cost share program will be willing to reimburse the applicant up to 100% of the treatment, up to a value of $4000 and is contingent upon available funds. More competitive applications will be those that have a higher match where the rest of the funding will be provided using private funds by the landowner. Results and notification of funding may be posted on our website, advertised via JLW CISMA emails, newsletters or other means.

Timeline:

Deadline for final applications will be June 15th, 2019

Grants Awarded: End of June or early July of 2019

Summary Report Due (End of the Project Period): January 10, 2020

Criteria:

* Area to be treated must be located within the Jackson, Lenawee or Washtenaw County boundary
* Treatment will be performed by a professional and licensed treatment company (verified prior to treatment)
* Private residents and partner organizations may submit an application for projects in line with the JLW CISMA’s goals and objectives
* Grant 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 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 (payment distribution needs to be clearly stated in 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 Department Environmental, Great Lakes & Energy permits as required)
* Contractors will notify immediate neighbors of treatment by posting treatment signs with date and herbicide
* 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
* State of Michigan Invasive Species watch list:

[https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/0,5664,7-324-68002\_74188---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/0%2C5664%2C7-324-68002_74188---%2C00.html)

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:

Species to be Treated:

1. Total Amount Requested:

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

1. Please describe the timeline for this treatment project (note that all treatment should be completed by November 1st, 2019).
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. In order 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 discuss below.
5. If the applicant is not the owner of the land, please provide a consent letter from the property owner.
6. Describe any partnerships that have been formed to address the issue that this grant would work to address.