



USIBWC Texas Clean Rivers Program  
Request for Proposals  
Small Project Grant  
Fiscal Year 2009



The Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP) for the Rio Grande Basin, administered through the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), is offering a small project grant for work related to water quality or environmental education in the Rio Grande Basin in Texas. Grant amounts may vary, with a maximum of \$10,000 and will be subject to availability of funds. CRP may choose to fund projects in whole or in part, based on available funds. All grantees will be required to submit a final report documenting the project.

**Deadline for submittal:** All applications must be received by February 2, 2009.

**Applicant Eligibility.** All private and nonprofit organizations that are authenticated legal entities, as well as all state agencies or political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including cities, counties, school districts, state universities, and special districts, are eligible to respond to this Request for Proposals.

**Eligible Projects:** Grant proposals must be for small projects, or supplemental projects that are part of a larger existing project, affecting water quality or outreach on the Rio Grande in Texas, and must fall into one of the following two categories:

1. Study of Rio Grande water quality or invasive species along the Rio Grande
2. Purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment to assist in existing water quality, environmental education, or public outreach projects along the Rio Grande

**Eligible Expenses:** USIBWC-CRP will supplement ongoing or new projects sponsored by local entities within the basin through the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or related items necessary to achieve project goals. All materials or supplies will be purchased by USIBWC-CRP directly, and will be purchased by July 31, 2009. In addition, certain laboratory analysis for water quality studies may be eligible expenses. All water quality projects that request laboratory analysis funding must be completed by July 31, 2009; however, certain proposals for water quality analysis studies may be extended through the following fiscal year. Applications will not be reimbursed for previously incurred expenses. Salary, fringe, or indirect costs will not be funded under this grant.

**Requirements of grant applications:** All grant applications must include three parts:

- a) Grant application form with complete contact information
- b) Scope of work detailing project plans and schedule. Scope of work must include:
  1. Definition and assessment of the problem
  2. Project description and location
  3. Project goals/objectives
  4. Project programs and tasks
  5. Project benefits
  6. Measures of success
  7. Details on project management and implementation
  8. Statement on how project affects water quality or education on the Rio Grande
- c) An itemized budget

**Application Review and Scoring:** All applications will be reviewed by staff from USIBWC, CRP and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Applications will be scored based on the eight requirements in the scope of work, worth 10 points each for a total of 80 points. USIBWC-CRP will fund proposals with the highest scores until available funds are depleted.

For more information, please contact: Elizabeth Verdecchia, Program Manager, Texas Clean Rivers Program, U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, 4171 N Mesa, C-100, El Paso, TX 79902-1441, (915) 832-4701, elizabethverdecchia@ibwc.gov

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**Request for Proposals, FY 09**  
**Grant Application**

***Applicant Information:***

Name of Applicant	
Organization Name	
Project Title	
Related Project Titles (for partnering agencies)	
Mailing Address	
Email address	
Phone number	

Partial Funding Option:    Yes     No

*Please indicate whether you would be interested in discussing a lesser or partial funding of your request if full funding cannot be offered. You may discuss partial funding ideas if you wish*

Signature of Applicant		Date	
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Please attach part b (Scope of Work) and c (Itemized Budget) to this application and mail to:

Elizabeth Verdecchia  
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 International Boundary and Water Commission  
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Applications can also be emailed with a scanned signature page to [elizabethverdecchia@ibwc.gov](mailto:elizabethverdecchia@ibwc.gov)