



## Small Research Grants Program 2011 Request for Proposals

The Nantucket Biodiversity Initiative (NBI) is seeking proposals to conduct research that expands knowledge of understudied taxonomic groups and the overall biodiversity of Nantucket, Tuckernuck, and/or Muskeget Islands. The NBI seeks to facilitate research activities and data dissemination between individual researchers, Nantucket conservation organizations, and the general public. This effort is a partnership between Nantucket conservation organizations, government agencies, universities, and individuals interested in documenting the biodiversity of the islands and adjacent waters, monitoring and conserving that biodiversity over time, and conducting biodiversity-related research projects. Participating partners include the Linda Loring Nature Foundation, Maria Mitchell Association, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Nantucket Garden Club, Nantucket Islands Land Bank Commission, Nantucket Land Council, The Trustees of Reservations, Tuckernuck Land Trust, and University of Massachusetts Boston Nantucket Field Station.

**Grant requests of up to \$1,500 will be considered for funding.** Additional financial and in-kind support such as housing, vehicles, lab space, equipment, etc. may also be provided by participating NBI organizations. **The NBI does not fund institutional overhead or researcher salaries.** Proposals that include one or more of the following will be given the highest priority for funding:

- Projects that include Nantucket as a study site for biodiversity-related research taking place at other sites in the nearby region;
- Research on non-native, invasive species and their impacts on the biodiversity of Nantucket;
- Research on previously understudied taxonomic groups on Nantucket;
- Research on more than one species of interest;
- Study sites located within the NBI's established biodiversity plots.

**Grant proposal submission deadline: February 15, 2011**

**Prior grant recipients are welcome to submit funding requests (contingent upon their timely provision of products promised in earlier awards), but priority will be given to funding new projects.**

Please refer to <http://www.nantucketbiodiversityinitiative.org/> for additional information on the NBI, its participating organizations and the locations of established biodiversity plots.

## Proposal Format:

- 1. Project Description (three pages or less, single spaced, 12 pt font):** the Project Description should provide a review of results of any previous biodiversity research on Nantucket (and Cape Cod and other nearby islands if appropriate) on the subject of proposed study, the goals and objectives of the proposed project, methods, a project timeline, and expected products (e.g., publications, geo-referenced specimen/occurrence data, web pages, keys, checklists, etc.). If the Project Description exceeds the required length, it will be returned to the Principal Investigator for revision and not reviewed again until the 2012 funding cycle.
- 2. Budget:** the budget should include a brief justification for each budgeted item and a short paragraph indicating any assured or anticipated matching funds (actual dollars or "in-kind" support) that could be leveraged by a successful NBI grant award. The latter paragraph should contain other support and anticipated "in-kind" services to be devoted to the project by all professionals, students, and technical assistants. **NBI policy does not permit use of grant funds for the payment of indirect expenses and/or overhead. However, these expenses can be included as "in-kind" services, as described above.**
- 3. Literature Cited/References.**
- 4. Supporting Materials** (CV, publication list) **and Appendices** (maps, tables, graphs, etc.) if relevant.

## Reporting Requirements and Grant Payment Schedule:

An electronic copy of the final report and, if applicable, inventory data and Voucher Specimens of all species collected (properly prepared with a full set of geo-referenced data) is due by February 15, 2012. **The NBI strongly encourages that you prepare a poster or deliver an oral presentation of your research results at the next scheduled NBI Conference (November 5, 2011).**

Successful grants will be issued in two payments. The first payment will be issued at the initiation of the project (the amount and timing will be determined by the NBI Grant committee). The second payment will be issued upon receipt of an acceptable final report, inventory data, and voucher specimens (if applicable).

Please direct questions and send your proposal electronically by 5:00 PM on February 15, 2011 to:

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