

2022 GCSAA Best Management Practices Grant Program Guidelines

The following guidelines will govern the Facility BMP Grant applications and review of them for recommendations to the board of directors for approval:

Organization qualifications:

- GCSAA affiliated Golf Course Superintendent Associations (chapters).
- Turfgrass Foundations, universities, and other not-for-profit organizations working with golf course superintendent associations.
 - GCSAA affiliated chapters will be engaged in the approval process for any and all submissions to ensure their acceptance and coordination of any non-chapter organization's application.

Acceptable activities:

Applicants may apply for up to \$3000. Applications should only incorporate one or more of the following activities which must be focused on encouraging members to create a facility BMP manual:

- Efforts (marketing, communications, education, etc.) geared toward facility adoptions of BMPs.
- Projects that provide for the significant demonstration, comparison, and/or effectiveness of golf course best management practices.
- Development of validation or verification programs for proposed or existing best management practices programs for golf courses.
- Marketing and incentive packages for chapter BMP programs.
- The development of the review and update of existing agronomic and environmental best management practices for golf course development, operations, and maintenance.

Requirements:

- Chapters must encourage members to use GCSAA's Facility BMP Planning Guide (on-line tool) to create a facility BMP manual.
- Chapters must develop a basic plan with goals for the number of members completing a facility BMP manual and timelines for completion.
- Activities are restricted to the aforementioned activities.

Priority consideration will be given to applications in the following order:

- Chapters that have not received a previous facility BMP grant (not awarded to “state” previously)
- Projects that support hands-on workshops or similar events that allow superintendents to start or write their plans on site using GCSAA’s facility BMP tool.
- Marketing, communications, and education plans geared toward facility adoption of BMPs.
- Incentive activities

Timeline

Note: There will only be one application period in 2022

Application Period:

January 15, 2022 – Applications open

March 15, 2021 – Applications due to GCSAA

Application process:

- Applications must be submitted using the BMP Grant Application form available on gcsaa.org or by contacting GCSAA.
- Applications from non-golf course superintendents’ associations must have letters of support from the supporting golf course superintendents’ associations accompanying complete application forms.
- Email with attachments is acceptable by the deadline with original signature copies mailed to GCSAA.

Submit to:

GCSAA
Attn: Emily Fuger, Environmental Programs
GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049