

Noxious Weed Grant Program

Program Background

The City of Madras recognizes that the abatement of noxious weed within the City is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors. The City's Nuisance Ordinance places the responsibility for noxious weed abatement upon the property owner.

The City has received complaints about noxious weeds throughout the city. The City of Madras understands the burden and constraints to property owners and wants to provide relief to the, property owner by providing assistance through the Noxious Weed Grant.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds:

- 1. Applications will only be accepted for properties within the city limits.
- 2. Property owners may only apply for one grant for one property in a calendar year.
- 3. First-time applicants will be given priority over previous applicants.
- 4. Applications must be received and approved by the City prior to any work being performed. Retroactive applications will not be accepted.

Use of Funds:

- 1. Grant funds may only be used for the abatement of noxious weeds within the city limits.
- 2. In order to access grant funds, property owners must take pictures of the noxious weeds in question and submit them with the application. The maximum grant reimbursement will be up to \$100.00 or actual invoiced or receipt amount, whichever is less, regardless of whom the property owner chooses for the work.
- 3. All grant awards and reimbursements will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds in the approved City Budget. Once the budgeted amount has been expended, no further applications will be approved.
- 4. The lack of sufficient funds to cover the number of applications received by the City in any given year will not excuse the property owner from the responsibility of abating all noxious weeds.

Procedures:

Applications may be scanned and emailed to <u>mquinn@ci.madras.or.us</u>, dropped off or mailed to Public Works Department, City of Madras, 125 SW "E" Street, Madras, OR 97741, attention Michele Quinn. Applications must be signed by the owner of the subject property and have copies of noxious weed pictures attached to the application

After the work has been completed, the property owner must submit the actual invoice/receipt for the abatement that was completed. Upon approval by the City, the grant funds will be disbursed in the amount not to exceed \$100.00 of the invoice or the actual amount of the invoice/receipt whichever is less.

Questions?

Contact the Public Works Department at 541-475-2344 or email us at mquinn@ci.madras.or.us