

**Gopher Tortoise Council's
Gopher Tortoise Day Financial Assistance Grant Application**

The GTC Gopher Tortoise Day Grant was established to support educators and organizations that would like to develop a program or need funds to participate in Gopher Tortoise Day, April 10th. The goal of Gopher Tortoise Day is to increase awareness and appreciation for these long lived, gentle reptiles. To apply, please submit the Gopher Tortoise Day Grant Application. Grant amounts awarded vary from year to year (with a maximum of \$1,500 per proposal), depending on the amount of donations received. A project summary for "The Tortoise Burrow" newsletter or either a presentation or poster at the following year's GTC annual meeting will be required.

The deadline for proposals each year is January 15th.

Please send submissions and questions to the Education and Outreach Committee at outreach@gophertortoisecouncil.org

Proposals which contain the following will be given preference:

- Projects that reach diverse and new audiences.
- Projects that focus on the importance of the conservation of intact upland ecosystems.
- Projects that encourage community involvement.
- Projects that receive matching funds.
- Projects that submit a draft of the educational material.

All proposals must be submitted digitally. Proposals submitted in a format other than the provided form or that are incomplete will not be accepted. A project summary for "The Tortoise Burrow" newsletter and either a presentation or poster at the following year's GTC annual meeting is required. Please note, any use of the GTC official logo in materials created using grant funds must be approved by the GTC Executive Committee prior to use or distribution.

To apply, please submit the following required information:

- Cover sheet
- Grant Proposal Form (see attached page 2)
- Detailed budget that includes expenses (see attached page 3)
- A maximum two page summary (see attached page 4)
- A draft of educational material is optional

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Name of individual/school/organization:

Name(s) of persons involved with project (identify lead person with an *):

If awarded, who should check be made to:

Full physical mailing address of lead person (include street, city, state, and zip code):

Phone number of lead person:

E-mail address of lead person:

Time frame of project (start/finish):

Other funding sources (if any):

Other organizations/partnerships involved:

Total cost of project:

Amount of grant requested:

I understand that a final program summary, as well as a newsletter article must be provided for "The Tortoise Burrow," GTC's newsletter, within a year of receiving the grant. I also understand that the use of the GTC official logo in any GTC-funded project materials must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Signature:

Date:

**Gopher Tortoise Council's
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| Item (please be detailed) | Unit cost | Quantity | GTC grant | Matching funds | Total cost |
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Total funds requested from GTC (not to exceed \$1,500):

Total project cost:

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Please be detailed, but do not exceed a total of 2 pages for questions 1-4.

1. Provide a brief description of your project and how it contributes to tortoise and/or upland habitat conservation.

2. Who is the audience (please be detailed)?

3a. If this is a program that will be presented to the public, what goals do you have regarding the participants?

3b. If this is a sign or display, how many people will be reached by it and what do you expect the viewers to learn?

3c. If this is an activity book, curriculum, etc., how will it be distributed and what goals do you have regarding the user?

4. How will your educational goal(s) be achieved?