

**Gopher Tortoise Council's
Donna J. Heinrich Environmental Education Grant**

The GTC Environmental Education Grant was established to support educators and organizations committed to developing educational projects about the gopher tortoise and the fascinating world in which it lives. The grant also honors Donna J. Heinrich, an environmental educator, whose life was dedicated to conserving wildlife and their associated habitats. Grant proposals may focus on the conservation of gopher tortoises, other upland species, and their associated habitats. **Deadline for submission of each year's proposals is September 30.** Please send submissions and questions to George L. Heinrich at george@heinrichecologicalservices.com. Grant recipients will be announced at the annual Gopher Tortoise Council meeting.

Proposals which contain the following will be given preference (see list of past projects funded on GTC website):

- Projects that propose creative and innovative education and outreach.
- 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 already have matching funds allocated.

All proposals must be submitted digitally. Proposals submitted in a format other than the provided form or that are incomplete will not be accepted.

To apply, please submit the following required information:

- Cover sheet
- Grant Proposal Form (see attached page 2)
- Detailed budget that includes expenses and matching funds (see attached page 3)
- A maximum two-page summary (see attached page 4)

**Gopher Tortoise Council's
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Name of individual/school/organization:

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

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:

Other organizations/partners involved:

Total cost of project:

Amount of GTC grant requested:

I understand that a final grant project summary must be provided for "The Tortoise Burrow," GTC's newsletter, within a year of receiving the grant. Awardees are also welcome to provide a poster or present a talk about the project at the next GTC annual meeting, but it is not required.

Signature (typed): _____

Date: _____

**Gopher Tortoise Council's
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Please be detailed, but do not exceed a total of 2 pages.

1. Provide a brief description of your project and how it contributes to the conservation of gopher tortoises, other upland species, and their associated upland habitats.

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 and assessed?