

# CLCA Environmental Research Funding Program Request for Proposals

The California Landscape Contractors Association has funds available to support applied research projects on water conservation and natural resource management as they relate to landscape design, installation or maintenance, as well as projects designed to quantify and improve the understanding of the environmental benefits of landscaping. *(See also the list of CLCA's 2009 Research Priorities.)*

Project proposals are invited from qualified professional researchers at universities, colleges and other research organizations. Grant awards will vary in amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for 1 to 3 years, depending on a project's needs and the priority value of the proposed research to the landscape industry. Projects in which CLCA funding serves as seed money or can be leveraged to achieve greater impact will be given high consideration, as will projects in which results can be easily translated into improved industry practices. Funds cannot be used to pay for overhead expenses or principal investigators' salaries. Grant recipients are expected to submit an annual written and/or oral report of progress and a final report of accomplishments and findings.

Proposals must be submitted on the accompanying application form or exact duplicate and prepared in 10-point type or larger. E-mail the completed application to [larryrohlfes@clca.org](mailto:larryrohlfes@clca.org) or mail it to the Research Advisory Committee at CLCA, 1491 River Park Drive, #100, Sacramento, CA 95815-4501. **Completed applications must be received (not postmarked) by December 7, 2009.** Proposals that do not conform to these standards will be rejected. Applicants will be notified of the action on their proposals by December 18, 2009.

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a panel that includes research scientists and landscape industry professionals. The following criteria will be used to judge proposals:

- Does the proposed research address an issue or problem that is a high priority of the landscape industry?
- Do the investigators have the necessary qualifications to carry out the proposed research?
- Are the goals and objectives of the proposed research clearly stated?
- Is the approach creative and are the proposed methods technically sound?
- Are the resources available adequate for successfully achieving the goals of the project?
- Is it likely the project will be completed in the time frame planned?

For further information, please contact Larry Rohlfes at CLCA, 1491 River Park Drive, #100, Sacramento, CA 95815-4501, (916) 830-2780, or [larryrohlfes@clca.org](mailto:larryrohlfes@clca.org).

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