

Flora of North America Association Microgrants for Authors and Editors

Microgrants are available from the Flora of North America Association to facilitate the writing of treatments by authors who would otherwise lack resources, or to help editors accomplish their work. They are not grants for research. Most awards are on the order of hundreds to a few thousand dollars.

Funds for authors may be used to facilitate access to resources and/or to leverage existing resources, cover travel to herbaria, or pay for materials for the preparation of treatments. They are not to pay an author's salary to write a treatment, since treatment writing is considered voluntary. (Obviously, the FNAA has resorted, and will resort in the future, to hiring staff botanists to write treatments for which no author is available. This is not part of the microgrant program.)

Grants for editors may include, among others, expenditures directly related to their FNA work (phone, paper, etc.).

Authors submit their request (budget and justification) to their taxon editor. The taxon editor transmits the request with his/her recommendation to the EXC, care of James Zarucchi, vice president and editorial director, FNAA. Requests may be made at any time. Editors submit their own requests to the EXC, care of James Zarucchi.

The EXC will periodically evaluate requests on the basis of merit and urgency. Volumes in preparation will receive higher priority than later volumes. Authors with serious health problems also will be considered in priority. Nevertheless, early requests will be welcome because they will allow the FNAA to plan ahead and take advantage of opportunities.

Grants will take the form of a contract with due date for the manuscript to be negotiated by the author, taxon editor, and editorial director. The payment schedule also will be negotiated, but payment mostly will be done upon receipt of the treatment and its acceptance by the taxon editor. Payments made in a few installments may be considered, depending on the size of the task and the author's personal situation. Proof of spending and delivery of the agreed-upon manuscript(s) or other work will be required before the final payment is made.

For more information on microgrants, contact James Zarucchi at james.zarucchi@mobot.org. A sample Microgrant Request Form follows.

**Flora of North America
Microgrant Request Form
Proposal Title**

Requester
Address

Project Description

Brief description of the need and what will be produced using microgrant funds.

Budget

Itemized budget, including total funds requested and, if appropriate, how funds will be used to leverage other resources.

Work Plan

Work plan, benchmarks, and anticipated completion date.