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## General Grants Application

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### Request Information

<b>Project Title</b> (required)	Sea Turtle Patrol Equipment
<b>Grant Amount</b> (required)	\$6,200.00
<b>Project Description/Purpose</b> (required)	Our volunteers support the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex by patrolling 112 miles of coastal beaches along the Gulf of Mexico for sea turtles, including the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, to locate and protect their eggs and to collect data on species and their condition. These patrols occur several times a week between April and July along four segments of mostly isolated and remote stretches of beach. Each segment is patrolled by a team of two. We need to supply each team with a pack containing GPS location equipment, devices to tag turtles, a digital camera, measuring tools, etc. We also need to post durable public awareness signs and posters with contact numbers along these beaches.
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b> (required)	We intend to have this equipment purchased before the start of the 2009 sea turtle nesting season, i.e. by April 1, 2009. We will place signs and posters during the patrols in 2009.
<b>Expected Outcomes</b> (required)	Friends is requesting a grant of \$6,200.00 to purchase patrol kits that will each contain equipment to precisely determine the location of found nests, record weather information, photograph turtles/nests and surrounding environment, measure specimen, and record data. With these kits, our volunteer patrols will be able to meet our goal to augment the efforts of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other government agencies to assure the

safe recovery of the Kemp's Ridley turtle to sustainable populations and enhance the viability of the general sea turtle population in the Gulf of Mexico. The increased precision of measurement enabled by this equipment will improve the quality of data contributing to the understanding of sea turtle ecology. Signage will educate the public and provide contact information.

**Gender Served**

Female  
Male

**Age Served**

Adolescents  
Adults  
Children  
Elderly

**Income Served**

under \$20,000  
\$20,000 - \$35,000  
\$35,001 - \$50,000  
\$50,001 - \$75,000  
\$75,001 - \$100,000  
over \$100,000

**Ethnicity Served**

**Impact Information**

**Actual Monitoring and Evaluation** (required)

The sea turtle patrol equipment purchased by this grant was used to facilitate our detection of turtle nests, the recovery of eggs, and the collection of site data.

**Actual Outcomes** (required)

14 volunteers and 11 staff members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service used the equipment to conduct 75 patrols from May-July, 2009, covering 1983.79 Km of beach and contributing 286.75 hours (volunteer only). A total of 9 Kemp's Ridley nests were located (8 excavated and 1 hatched in situ). For the first time ever, a nest was found on every beach patrolled. These 120 miles of beaches range from Quintana in the north to the Matagorda Peninsula in the south. Our previous record for nests for our area was 3 in 2007, and this increase is a good indication that these endangered sea turtles are expanding their nesting area northward. Signs were erected at all beach access areas within our area, working with local and public officials. Patroller Training and Sea Turtle educational programs were delivered to over 80 people during the season.

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Children  
Elderly

**Actual Income Served**

under \$20,000  
\$20,000 - \$35,000  
\$35,001 - \$50,000  
\$50,001 - \$75,000  
\$75,001 - \$100,000

**Actual Ethnicity Served**

**Measurable Objectives** (required)

Our objective was to use the equipment to locate turtle nests. The signs enabled the public to respond to several sighting of turtles, which significantly contributed to our increase of turtle nests located this year.

**Contribution Use**

We bought the equipment as listed in the grant request and as enumerated in the spreadsheet uploaded into the Financial Statement below.

**Publicity**

The 2009 sea turtle patrol season just ended at the end of July. We intend to write a summary press release for submittal to local newspapers (e.g. The Facts), and will submit a report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Publicity Photos**

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