


Crab Lines



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BTNEP FUNDS MINI-GRANTS

PROPOSALS TO BE ACCEPTED SOON

(Thibodaux, LA) The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) is pleased to announce funding for their successful Mini-Grants Program. The BTNEP created the program in January 2005 to support community-based restoration, outreach and education projects.

Through the Mini-Grants Program, citizens gain a greater awareness and understanding of the issues facing the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and join with BTNEP in creating effective solutions. The Mini-Grants Program also helps BTNEP foster creative partnerships among community groups and broadens the Estuary Program's ability to connect with as many people as possible in preserving the estuary.

BTNEP has \$20,000 available for the 2008 Mini-Grants Program. Any one proposal may request a funding amount of \$1000, but no more than \$5,000. Schools, organizations, individuals, non-profits, government, churches, businesses, or other community groups may apply for Mini-Grant funding, provided the project takes place within the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and meets one or more goals of the BTNEP.

The request for proposals for the 2008 Mini-Grants Program will take place from March 3, 2008 to April 3, 2008. The final deadline for proposals to be at the BTNEP office is NOON on Thursday, April 3, 2008. To apply for a BTNEP Mini-Grant, download and complete the 2008 Mini-Grants Program [Request for Proposals and Application Packet](#) from the Web at <http://grant.btnep.org/>

“The Mini-Grants are an important step in executing the BTNEP Comprehensive Management Plan. Mini-Grant projects help create a citizenry that is actively aware of environmental issues of our area,” says Susan Testroet-Bergeron, BTNEP Outreach Coordinator.