2016 Education, Research, & Inventory Grant proposals

NOTE: This information can also be found on the state website.

The Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) is soliciting proposals for its Education, Research, and Inventory Grant (ERIG) program. Grants of up to $1,000 will be awarded in 2016 to support projects that contribute to the appreciation, conservation, or knowledge of Idaho’s native flora or vegetation. The purpose of the ERIG program is to stimulate and lend support to educational, research, and conservation activities that promote an appreciation for native plants and plant communities in Idaho. The ERIG committee encourages you to submit a proposal if you have a project that may qualify. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 31, 2016.

Grant guidelines: The ERIG program is intended to support direct project costs. Grant proposals should not include expenses for salary and personal benefits, the purchase of personal equipment, or other expenses not essential to the project. (Complete downloadable 2016 ERIG guidelines are available on the state INPS web site in PDF format: http://idahonativeplants.org/erig-news/)

Here are some examples of costs the grant may cover:

- **Direct costs**: travel, meals, and lodging for the project.
- **Supply and service expenses** used for the sole purpose of the project (e.g.: film, photocopying, phone, lab materials).
- **Printing costs**: for public outreach material or research publications.
- **Application procedure and requirements**: Proposals should contain the following information:
  
  1. **Project title**
  2. **Contact information**: name, address, phone number, organization/affiliation, and email (if available).
  3. **Project description**: outline the project objectives, methods, and final product. Explain how the project will benefit the appreciation, conservation, or knowledge of Idaho’s native flora or vegetation. Describe how project success will be evaluated.
  4. **Itemized budget**: outline an overall project budget, including the amount you are requesting (up to $1,000), as well as other funding sources.
  5. **Timeline**: please provide a timeline for completion of all major tasks associated with the project, including presentation of the results.

Project proposals must pertain to native plants of Idaho. Please limit grant requests to a maximum of $1,000, and be aware that less may be awarded due to INPS budget constraints and the number of applications submitted. Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report to the ERIG Chairperson to be archived. Also a summary article of the project is required to be published in the INPS newsletter, Sage Notes. The recipients of these awards will have a timeline of two years from the date of the award to complete their projects. We encourage applicants to become an INPS member if they are not already so, however, membership is not a prerequisite to apply for, or receive an ERIG.

Please submit proposals by email to Janet Bala at balajane@isu.edu or by post to:

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