



Call for 2016 Grow Smart Awards Nominations

THE GROW SMART AWARDS

The annual [Grow Smart Awards](#) celebrate development projects and planning efforts that exemplify [smart growth principles](#). Idaho Smart Growth has presented the awards since 2005, bringing Idahoans together to celebrate community successes in creating great places to live.

Award winners will be recognized at the 2016 Grow Smart Awards Celebration at the Owyhee in Boise on November 17. *Please hold this date for your attendance!*

Awards are selected by a jury of professionals knowledgeable about smart growth principles. Jury decisions are final. Jury members abstain from voting on nominations in which they have a personal, professional or financial interest.

ELIGIBILITY

- Anyone can nominate projects or plans.
- There is no expiration date on project eligibility.
- Projects will be complete or nearly complete at time of nomination.
- Plans must be fully adopted at time of nomination by all relevant agencies.
- Projects that are part of a larger plan should apply after at least 50% of that plan is complete.

QUESTIONS?

We strongly encourage you to contact staff about the criteria, smart growth principles and other questions to help you understand what the jury will be looking for and how best to present your nomination. Contact Deanna Smith at deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org or 208.333.8066.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

- Attached Cover Sheet** with required signatures.
- Project Description** narrative explaining how the nomination fulfills smart growth principles. *(2-page maximum)*
- Letter of support** from relevant approving agency representative.
- Submit all nomination documents electronically** as a single file (PDF, zip, etc.). Total submission should be no larger than 15MB. For larger files, attach executive summaries and include links to web locations for the full document.
- Nomination fee.** A \$75 nomination fee must be received prior to or with all nominations. Checks may be sent to Idaho Smart Growth, 910 Main Street, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83702. Credit card payments may be made through the ISG website [here](#). *(Select "one time" for donation type and "other" for donation amount—\$75. Fill out form.)* For payment questions, contact Kate Rodriguez, kate@idahosmartgrowth.org; 208.333.8066.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Letter/s of support** from project principals and other partners.
- Project site plan** (if applicable).
- Site vicinity map** (if applicable).
- Photographs, drawings, plan documents** or other information that will assist the jury in understanding and evaluating the nomination.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 2 page MAXIMUM!

Nominations are evaluated using criteria based on [smart growth principles](#). Successful nominations will illustrate clear application of one or more of these principles. Provide an overall description of the project and use the categories below to show how the nomination achieves smart growth.

Transportation & Land Use

Does this nomination improve transportation choices by enhancing walking/biking or transit? Is the design context-sensitive so as to facilitate walking and/or biking? Does this nomination create a mix of land uses either by diversifying existing land uses through infill or by providing multiple land uses?

Placemaking & Economic Development

How does this foster distinctive community and establish a strong sense of place, e.g. preserve historic structures, recognize history, create community gathering space, support public art, etc.? How does this nomination strengthen and direct development toward existing communities, e.g., economic vitality, utilize existing infrastructure, infill, create place, community health, etc.?

Healthy Communities

How does this nomination support/provide a range of housing price and choice? Does this nomination preserve/enhance/protect open space, parks, farmland, natural beauty or environmentally critical areas? Is there application of compact, sustainable building patterns, efficient infrastructure design, e.g. reuse/repurpose existing structures, LEED/other green energy practice, green storm water?

Community Engagement

Did this nomination encourage community and stakeholder collaboration and participation? How does this nomination help make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective, or did the project use a process that accomplished these goals? In what way does this nomination further existing smart growth objectives identified in community/regional policies or plans? Please cite the policy or plan and attach or include a link to this reference.

DEADLINE: Nominations accepted through Friday, July 1 midnight MDT.
Send submission to Deanna Smith: deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org.

2016 Grow Smart Awards Cover Sheet

PROJECT NAME:

CATEGORY (check all that apply) *descriptions of each category can found [here](#).*

- Citizen Advocacy Commercial/Industrial Green Building Mixed Use
 Public Policy & Planning Redevelopment Residential Small Community
 Transportation

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE OR PLAN/POLICY ADOPTION DATE:

PROJECT OWNER/DEVELOPER OR AGENCY – ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS NOMINATION

(Name, title, company/agency, E-mail, telephone.)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME: _____

NOMINATION CONTACT PERSON/S: *(Name, title, company/agency, E-mail, telephone.)*

The undersigned attests that:

1. Idaho Smart Growth may use, reproduce, or make available for reproduction by others—for the purpose of publicizing the awards program or the applicant project—the information on this form and any supporting materials (including images) provided. A name MUST be included for any image that requires a credit.
2. There are no concerns with this project’s financial condition, debt, equity, or public agency subsidy.
3. He/she has full power and authority to provide this information and to grant these rights and permissions.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME: _____