



Call for Nominations 2017 Grow Smart Awards

THE GROW SMART AWARDS

Idaho Smart Growth has presented the annual Grow Smart Awards since 2005 to celebrate planning and development efforts around Idaho that exhibit outstanding implementation of smart growth principles. Smart growth principles, listed below, are characteristics of communities that are strong and vibrant--economically, socially and environmentally. We encourage nominations of all types and sizes, and from throughout the state. Nominations can be for buildings, plans, open spaces, studies and any other example of smart growth in action.

Awards are selected by a jury of professionals knowledgeable about smart growth principles. The jury considers one nomination at a time, judging how well it exemplifies smart growth in the context of its community and its place and time. Jury members abstain from voting on nominations in which they have a personal, professional or financial interest.

QUESTIONS?

We recommend that anyone considering nominations contact Idaho Smart Growth. We can answer questions about eligibility, smart growth principles and how to present information that will help the jury understand the nomination in its context. Call us at 208.333.8066 or email Deanna Smith, deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org

ELIGIBILITY

- Anyone can submit a nomination and can submit more than one.
- Projects must be complete or nearly complete at time of nomination. *Completion can have occurred anytime in the past.*
- Plans must be fully adopted by all relevant agencies at time of nomination.
- Projects that are part of a larger plan should apply after at least 50% of that plan is complete.
- All submissions must be received no later than midnight MDT Tuesday, May 30th.
Send submission to Deanna Smith: deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

- Attached Cover Sheet** with required signatures.
- Project Description** explaining how the nominee fulfills smart growth principles.
- Letter of support** from relevant approving agency/s representative.
- Submit all application documents electronically** preferably as a single file PDF or in a zipped folder. No single document should be larger than 10MB. For larger files include links to web locations and indicate what the document is and its relevance to the nominee.
- \$75 Application fee.** The \$75 fee must be received prior to or with all applications. Checks may be sent to Idaho Smart Growth, 910 Main Street, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83702. Make credit card payments through ISG [website](#). (Select “one time” donation type and “other” for donation amount—\$75.)

Supporting Documents

- Project site plan** (if applicable).
- Site vicinity map** (if applicable).
- Photographs, drawings, area/community planning documents** or any other information that will assist the jury in understanding and evaluating the nomination.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 2 pages MAXIMUM!

Briefly and objectively describe the nominee and why it should be considered. Nominations are evaluated using the principles of smart growth as criteria. Successful nominations will illustrate clear application of at least five, preferably more, of these principles and will explain how the nominee furthers smart growth for the community. Select all smart growth principles the nominee fulfills then describe how the nominee illustrates each principle selected. *If you have **any questions**, get in touch with us!*

___ **Mix land uses.** Creates or enhances a blend of uses—residential, office, retail, industrial, open space.

___ **Create walkable neighborhoods.** Makes walking safer and desirable.

___ **Provide transportation choices.** Enhances mobility by supporting multiple mobility options.

___ **Create housing opportunities and choices.** Diversifies housing options through product, price and accessibility for a community/neighborhood.

___ **Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.** Creates or strengthens social and economic activity, preserves historic places, supports public art.

___ **Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas.**

___ **Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities.** Utilizes existing infrastructure and land sustainably.

___ **Adopt compact building patterns and efficient infrastructure design.** Promotes efficient use of land, resources and energy.

___ **Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective.**

___ **Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration.**

DEADLINE for applications: Tuesday May 30 midnight MDT.

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Awards will be given at the 2017 Grow Smart Awards Celebration at the Owyhee in Boise on November 16. Please hold this date for your attendance!