



Call for Nominations 2018 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. Nominations can be for buildings, plans, open spaces, studies, organizations and any other example of smart growth in action. **We encourage nominations of all types and sizes, from any year and throughout the state.**

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. **Nominees that have proven themselves over time can be some of the strongest.**

QUESTIONS?

We strongly urge anyone considering submitting a nomination to contact Idaho Smart Growth staff for guidance on their application. 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 office@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.
- 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.
- Email submissions to office@idahosmartgrowth.org no later than midnight MDT Monday, June 4^h.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

- [Cover Sheet](#) with required signatures.
- **Project Description** - see instructions below, call with questions.
- **Letter/s of support** from approving public agency and other relevant parties.
- **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. Mail checks to Idaho Smart Growth, 910 Main Street, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83702. Make credit card payments through ISG's secure [website](#) portal. (*Select "one time" donation; then "Fees..."; enter donation amount—\$75; and write "GSA application" in the Comment box.*)
- **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!

Get in touch with us with your questions!

Briefly and objectively describe how this nominee fulfills smart growth principles and why it should be considered for an award. Successful nominations will illustrate clear application of at least five, preferably more, of these principles and will explain how the nominee furthers smart growth in the community and supports other community smart growth planning efforts. Select all smart growth principles the nominee fulfills and describe briefly how the nominee illustrates each principle selected.

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. Creates or supports comfortable and safe options for people walking, biking, taking transit or driving.

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.

Application DEADLINE: Monday June 4 midnight MDT.

Submit to: office@idahosmartgrowth.org.

**Awards will be given at the 2018 Grow Smart Awards Celebration at
Boise Centre East on November 5.**

Please hold this date for your attendance!