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.

**ELIGIBILITY**

We encourage nominations of all types and sizes, from any year and throughout the state. Anyone can submit a nomination and can submit more than one. Nominations can be for buildings, plans, open spaces, studies, organizations and any other example of smart growth in action. *Strongest applications* will be able to show their smart growth success.

- Shall illustrate at least five smart growth principles, except in unique circumstances.
- Projects must be complete at time of nomination and established enough to show success.
- 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 plan is complete.
- Submissions accepted year-round but must be received by 11:59pm MDT the first Monday in May to be considered for a November award in the same year.

**READY TO NOMINATE?**

We *strongly urge* anyone considering submitting a nomination to contact Idaho Smart Growth staff for guidance. 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

**REQUIRED ITEMS**

Applications may be submitted online or emailed. If you prefer to submit via email, please submit all the items listed below as one PDF file or in a zipped folder (not to exceed 10MB). For larger files include links to web locations:

- **Cover Sheet** (included, see page 3)
- **Project Description** (narrative, see page 2 - max of 8000 characters)
- **$100 Application fee** must be received at time of application or prior. Mail or deliver checks to Idaho Smart Growth, 910 Main Street, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83702. Make credit card payments through ISG’s secure website portal. (Select “fees” as donation type; enter donation amount—$100; and write “GSA application” in the Comment box.)
- **Supporting Documents**
  - Letter(s) of support
  - Project site plan / 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 page maximum

Describe how this nomination 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, will explain how the nomination furthers smart growth in the community and supports other community smart growth planning efforts. What smart growth vision and goals was this nomination striving for? Share any barriers or challenges this nomination had to overcome in order to achieve that vision.

- **Mix land uses.** Creates or enhances a blend of uses—residential, office, retail, 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/provide open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas.**
- **Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities.** Utilizes existing infrastructure and land sustainably; most typically this is some form of infill.
- **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.**

SELECTION PROCESS

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, its place and time. Jury members abstain from voting on nominations in which they have a personal, professional or financial interest. Nominations that have proven themselves over time can be some of the strongest.

**Application DEADLINE:** First Monday in May at 11:59pm MDT to be considered for a November award.

Submit to: office@idahosmartgrowth.org.
NOMINATION NAME:

PROJECT COMPLETION OR PLAN/POLICY ADOPTION DATE:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS NOMINATION BY PROJECT OWNER/DEVELOPER OR AGENCY
(Name, title, company/agency, E-mail, telephone.)

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ PRINT NAME: ___________________________ DATE: ________

LIST THOSE INVOLVED WITH NOMINATION for recognition (include design team, architects, engineers, contractors, bank or other financers, etc.)

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 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: ___________________________