



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR 2015 GROW SMART AWARDS

WHAT ARE THE GROW SMART AWARDS?

Idaho Smart Growth's annual Grow Smart Awards recognize projects or planning efforts that exemplify smart growth principles. Our awards program is a way of bringing Idahoans together to celebrate positive efforts communities are doing to create great places to live.

Nominations accepted through July 1, 2015

To be eligible projects must be completed. Projects that are part of a larger plan may be more successful waiting until at least 50% of the larger plan is complete. **Plans must be fully adopted** by the city, county or appropriate body by the date the nomination is submitted. Winners are selected by a jury of professionals with a background in planning and/or development; community leaders; and one representative from the Idaho Smart Growth Board. Jury decisions are final. Jury members will not vote on any nomination in which they have a personal, professional, or financial interest.

Award winners will be recognized at the annual 2015 Grow Smart Awards Program held in Boise at the Onybee on November 12.

GROW SMART AWARD CRITERIA

Nominations are evaluated using criteria based on smart growth principles listed below. Successful nominations will illustrate significant application of smart growth principles and be complete applications with ALL required attachments.

Smart growth principles:

- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Mix land uses
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
- Foster distinctive communities with a strong sense of place
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective
- Preserve open space, parks, farmland, natural beauty, and environmentally critical areas
- Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
- Adopt compact building patterns and efficient infrastructure design

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Complete the cover sheet and respond to each of the ten questions (no more than 2 pages). **Please attach all requested supporting documents in the application checklist** and any other information that will assist the jury in understanding the context of this nominee including relevant policy/planning documents. Visuals such as site plans, elevations, photos and other supporting documents are helpful to the jury.

All documents must be submitted electronically. Please include a link for documents too large to submit electronically, i.e. comprehensive plans and longer documents, where jurors can view it. Please submit an executive summary plus a web link to the full document. Graphics submitted electronically should be included as a separate, attached file in bitmap (jpeg, tif, .png etc.) or .pdf format.

WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION?

Send application and all electronic attachments to Deanna Smith deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org.

To be considered **nominations must be received no later than midnight Wednesday, July 1, 2015.**

APPLICATION FEE

There is a \$50 application processing fee which **must be included with all completed applications.** Please contact Kate in our office to pay with a credit card - 208.333.8066. Checks should be written and mailed to:

Idaho Smart Growth, 910 Main Street, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83702

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. \$50 application fee, payable to Idaho Smart Growth
2. Name, phone and email contact for someone with project/plan approval authority.
3. Two letters of support from agency / community member/organization with knowledge of context of the nomination within.
4. Site plan (if a development project)*
5. Site vicinity map (if a development project)*
6. Copy of plan, study, or ordinance (if a planning policy)*
7. Photographs, drawings, or other information that illustrate the application of smart growth principles.*
8. For comprehensive plans and larger documents, please provide an executive summary plus a web link to the full plan.

* *PLEASE attach these when applicable.*

QUESTIONS?

We encourage you to contact us with any questions about the criteria, smart growth principles or the application process.

Contact Deanna Smith at deanna@idahosmartgrowth.org or the Idaho Smart Growth office at 208-333-8066.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

- **Citizen Advocacy** – any individual, group, or process that has exhibited excellent citizen advocacy and inclusion in development of a successful policy/plan/development project.
- **Commercial or Industrial** – projects that are 90-100% commercial.
- **Green Building** - recognizes the benefits of combining smart growth and green building approaches as building design and materials are integrated with land use and efficiency.
- **Mixed Use** – development that provides a good balance of residential and commercial that provides opportunity for live, work and play.
- **Public planning and policy** – fully adopted, policy or plan.
- **Redevelopment** – any project that revitalizes an area and/or structure/s.
- **Residential** – any project that is 90-100% residential.
- **Small Community** – any project in a community with a population of less than 10,000.
- **Transportation** – projects that enhance transportation choices, especially walking, biking or transit, improve connectivity, reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles, provide context-sensitive design, complete streets or network improvements and/or reduce vehicle miles traveled through infill, mixed land uses, etc.

GROW SMART AWARD APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME:

PROJECT ADDRESS and LOCATION:

WEB SITE:

CATEGORY (check any that apply). *Full descriptions can be found at the end of page 2.*

- Citizen Advocacy Commercial/Industrial Green Building Mixed Use
 Public Policy & Planning Redevelopment Residential Small Community Transportation
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

PROJECT COMPLETION/APPROVAL DATE OR PLANNING POLICY ADOPTION DATE:

PROJECT OWNER/DEVELOPER OR AGENCY INFORMATION

(Company/agency, address, county, telephone number, fax number, and E-mail)

NOMINATION CONTACT PERSONS: *(Provide name, title, company, 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 pending or impending 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 _____



DESCRIPTION: Please answer the following questions individually. If the question does not apply please explain why. *The jury relies on this information to evaluate each nomination's fulfillment of smart growth.* **2 page MAXIMUM**

1. How does this nomination provide and/or support transportation choices? In what way is active transportation and/or transit improved?
2. How does this nomination create a mix land uses either through diversifying existing land uses through infill or providing multiple land uses?
3. How does this nomination support/provide a range of housing opportunities and choices?
4. In what way/s did this nomination encourage community and stakeholder collaboration and participation?
5. How does this foster distinctive community and establish a strong sense of place, e.g. preserve historic structures, recognizes history, create community gathering space, support public art, etc.?
6. How does this nomination help make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective, or did the project use a process that accomplished these goals?
7. Does this nomination preserve/enhance/protect open space, parks, farmland, natural beauty, or environmentally critical areas?
8. How does this nomination strengthen and direct development toward existing communities, e.g., economic vitality, utilizes existing infrastructure, infill, creates place, community health, etc.?
9. Does this adopt/utilize compact, sustainable building patterns and efficient infrastructure design, e.g. reuse/repurpose existing structures, LEED/other green energy practice, green storm water, etc.?
10. 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.

You may provide additional comments about this nomination up to the 2 page maximum.