

## Criteria for Submitting IGBC IEO Proposals

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) mission is to support recovery, delisting, and ongoing conservation of grizzly bear populations and their habitats in areas of the western United States through interagency coordination of policy, planning, management, research, and communication.

The Information, Education and Outreach (IEO) Subcommittee has been tasked with overseeing the annual IGBC IEO funding program. The role and responsibilities of the IEO subcommittee is to disseminate consistent messages about grizzly bears and to promote effective actions and techniques to increase human safety and decrease the likelihood of bear-human conflicts. We would like to use the funding program to help partners and agencies fund projects or programs that reflect our roles and responsibilities.

### Instructions for proposals:

All applications must use the IEO Funding Proposal Form provided with the Request for Proposal memo and on the IGBC website (<http://igbconline.org/for-educators/information-education-grants>). Supplemental information may accompany the official form.

The project or program proposed must be classified under at least one of the following categories: staffing (e.g. bear rangers), infrastructure (e.g. bear boxes, bear-resistant garbage containers, electric fencing, etc.), or IEO activities (e.g. education materials, bear spray training, bear fairs, etc.).

Funds cannot be used for food or catering for an event or project.

Please send your proposals directly to the IEO Subcommittee Chair of the ecosystem in which they are being proposed. The names and contact information of each IEO Ecosystem Chair is listed on the Request for Proposal memo or on the IGBC website. If your proposal covers all ecosystems please send your proposal to the IGBC executive coordinator or IGBC IEO chair.

### Timeline for Proposals and Projects:

- October 1 – Request for Proposals
- November 1 – Proposals due to IEO Ecosystem Chairs
- December (IGBC Winter Meeting) – Funding awards announced
- June 15, 2021 – Interim Progress Reports due to IGBC Executive Coordinator\*\*
- November 1, 2021 – Final Project Reports due to IGBC Executive Coordinator\*\*

\*\*Interim and final reports are required. New projects will not be funded without a final report from the previous year.

### There is a two-stage review process:

1. The IEO Subcommittee Chairs review and prioritize the proposals for their respective ecosystems. The IGBC Executive Coordinator or IEO Chair will review the multi-ecosystem proposals.
2. After the first tier of review, the IEO Subcommittee Chairs will forward the selected proposals to the IEO Committee Chair for final review by the IGBC IEO Subcommittee.

**Criteria for proposals:**

- Must be submitted by a qualified non-profit organization, an association, or be a state, federal, or tribal entity focused on grizzly bear conservation.
- Must be consistent with the mission statement of the IGBC and the role and responsibilities of the IEO subcommittee.
- Must be in at least one ecosystem

**Additional considerations that will strengthen your proposal:**

- Proposals that include partners and/or leverage grant dollars with in-kind or matches from partners.
- Proposals that are useable in multiple ecosystems
- Proposals that benefit multiple agencies and organizations.
- We cannot give funding to support food or catering for an event or project.