

# Information, Education & Outreach Subcommittee

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Interagency  
**GRIZZLY BEAR**  
Committee

## IE&O Subcommittee Members

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# IGBC IE&O Funding

2023

Total funding of about \$42,000 available for all 5 ecosystems

In GYE- IE&O subcommittee reviewed 9 proposals

20 proposals in total for all ecosystems, requesting about \$120,000



## 2023 Awardees (4 proposals in or including GYE)

- Defenders of Wildlife
- People and Carnivores
- Bear Creek Council
- American Bear Foundation





A brown bear is partially visible in a field of tall, dry grass. A large, white, stylized arrow points from the left side of the image towards the right, passing behind the text.

## **2024 Projects?**

- Apply in October 2023
- Minimum \$2,500
- See website for full details



# Grizzly Bear IE&O Summit

- January or February 2024
- Idaho, looking at Coeur d'Alene
- Topics/Priorities





# IGBC Bear Smart Community Program



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## BEAR SMART COMMUNITIES

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Proactive approaches can help reduce the potential for future conflicts. There has been a substantial amount of research on bear behavior and human-bear conflicts over the last several decades and this information can be used to develop effective human-bear conflict mitigation strategies that help communities and bears more effectively share the landscape.

The IGBC supports collaborative community-led strategies that benefit both people and bears by reducing conflicts and improving human safety in areas where people and bears share the landscape. At the December 2022 meeting, the IGBC Executive Committee adopted the IGBC Bear Smart Community framework. The framework may be useful for communities that are voluntarily interested in establishing their own Bear Smart Committees, completing a Bear Smart Community Assessment, and developing and implementing a Bear Smart Community Plan. The framework is intended to be flexible enough so that it can be adapted by individual communities to fit their needs.

- **IGBC Bear Smart Community Framework (12/2022)**

The IGBC Bear Smart Communities Working Group (including representatives from MTFWP, IDFG, WYGF, and WDFW, and USFWS) will continue to meet to coordinate and compile supporting information. As more material is produced, it will be posted here.

For more information, please directly contact your local state wildlife agency.

