



IGBC Member Agencies:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

U.S. Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management: ID, MT, WA, and WY

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Region 1 and Region 6

National Park Service: NPS Regional Office Serving DOI Regions 6,7, and 8 and NPS Regional Office Serving DOI Regions 8,9,10, and 12

U.S. Geological Survey: Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Forest Service: Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Region 6

Alberta Environment and Parks

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To: IGBC IEO Subcommittee Chairs, Agency Wildlife Managers, NGO's and other Interested Parties

From: Lori Roberts, IGBC Information, Education, Outreach (IEO) Chair

Subject: Request for Proposals for IGBC IEO Funding – FY2026 (due 10/27/2025)

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) mission is to support recovery and 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 IGBC is seeking proposals for grants to partners and agencies 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. The IGBC is anticipating that \$43,000 will be available for grants in FY2026; actual project funding will be contingent on agency funding levels.

To apply, please use the IEO Funding Proposal Form on the IGBC website (<https://igbconline.org/programs/bear-education/funding/>). Please be as specific as possible with a short description of your project and the amount you are requesting using the attached criteria and submittal form. Additional pages may be attached as needed. The project or program proposed must be classified under at least one of the following categories: staffing, 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.

Timeline for Proposals and Projects:

- September 30th – Request for Proposals
- October 27th – Proposals due to IGBC IEO Chair
- December (IGBC Winter Meeting) – Funding awards announced
- June 13, 2026 – Interim Progress Reports due to IGBC IEO Chair**
- October 1, 2026 – Final Project Reports due to IGBC IEO Chair**

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

The IEO Subcommittee will review and prioritize the proposals based on the following criteria and considerations.

Criteria for proposals:

- Must be submitted by a qualified non-profit organization, an association, city or county, or be a state, federal, or tribal entity and focused on grizzly bear conservation. (In the US.)
- Must be consistent with the mission statement of the IGBC and the role and responsibilities of the IEO subcommittee.
- Must be in or near to at least one IGBC ecosystem
- Application must be completely filled out by close of business day

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.
- Proposals with new ideas or partnerships are encouraged.

Please send your completed proposals directly to the IEO Chair Lori Roberts, IEO Chair, lroberts@mt.gov, 406-751-4581, who can also answer any questions about the process.