

MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Montana Native Plant Society (MNPS) is pleased to announce the twenty-fourth annual Small Grants Program. Grants of up to \$1500 will be awarded to fund projects or studies supporting conservation of native plants in Montana.

**The proposal deadline is January 31, 2020.
Grants will be awarded by March 15, 2020.**

The purpose of the MNPS Small Grants Program is to stimulate research, conservation, and educational activities that help foster an appreciation for Montana's native plants and plant communities. These grants are intended to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of our native flora and the factors affecting their survival.

We encourage anyone with a project that potentially qualifies for a MNPS Small Grant to consider submitting a proposal!

Project or study proposals must pertain to native plants of Montana. Preference will be given to proposals that: 1) generate research data or public support that advances the conservation of native plants in the wild; 2) demonstrate initiative and cooperation with other organizations or agencies. Projects emphasizing operational costs, such as utilities or rent, will be less preferred.

Eligible expenses include:

- 1) Direct costs of travel, meals, and lodging for research, conservation, or education projects.
- 2) Supply and service expenses for the sole purpose of the project (e.g., consumable supplies such as CDs/media cards, laboratory chemicals, soil, nursery stock, and services such as phone and computer time).
- 3) Direct printing costs for public outreach projects or research publications.

Non-eligible expenses include wages, durable equipment with a longer life span than the project, and any expenses nonessential to the project.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

By **January 31, 2020**, please e-mail your proposal to Betty Kuropat, blueirismt@gmail.com

The grant proposal should include:

- Project title
- Contact person and organizational affiliation, as appropriate
- Mailing address, telephone number, e-mail
- Short project abstract (2-5 sentences)
- Project description (objectives, methods, final product, dissemination of results)
- How the proposed project will benefit native plant conservation in Montana
- For garden or native plant restoration projects:
 - short- and long-term maintenance plan
 - statement that applicant owns the property or can secure a Memorandum of Understanding with the landowner allowing for long-term maintenance
 - advisor or lead planner expertise and experience
 - species list and/or types of plant materials and sourcing
- Budget showing amount requested from MNPS (\$1500 or less) as well as other funding sources and how the funds will be used
- Time frames for completion
- Applicant's qualifications or biography

The proposal should be formatted as follows:

- Must not exceed four double-spaced or two single-spaced pages with 1 inch margins
- Species lists, diagrams, and literature cited may be added as appendices
- Times New Roman 12-point font or equivalent
- PDF file preferred; WORD document accepted

Successful applicants are required to submit a final report documenting the study or project accomplishments within one year to Montana Native Plant Society. This report should be suitable for publication in the *Kelsey* newsletter.

For more information, visit the MNPS Web site:
<https://www.mtnativeplants.org>