

Colorado Native Plant Society – Mission Grant Purpose and Application Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Mission Grant of the Colorado Native Plant Society supports projects that advance the Mission of the Society:

“The Colorado Native Plant Society is dedicated to furthering the knowledge, appreciation and conservation of native plants and habitats of Colorado through education, stewardship and advocacy.”

To further **education** about Colorado's native plants and habitats, grants may be given to fund (among other things):

1. The creation or publication of various forms of media designed to inform people about native plants and habitats
2. The creation of educational programs and projects
3. Events/activities that further knowledge of native plants
4. Research that furthers the knowledge of Colorado's native plants and habitats, but does not overlap the Marr and Steinkamp grants. Grants might include studies on the effect of recreation on native plants, or studies of native plant habitats.

To further **stewardship** of Colorado's native plants and habitats, grants may be used to fund (among other things):

1. Projects designed to protect or conserve Colorado native plants and habitats
2. Publications of various forms of media designed to advance plant conservation

To further **advocacy** of Colorado native plants and habitats, grants may be provided to financially support (among other things):

1. Legislation that benefits native plants and habitats
2. Other conservation agencies that support native plants and habitats

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Grant applicants must be members of the Colorado Native Plant Society.
- 2) Project must contribute to the Mission of the Colorado Native Plant Society.
- 3) Funds must be used specifically for implementation of the proposed project.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must submit a concise but detailed proposal by email. The proposal should include:
 - Applicant's name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
 - Resume/CV detailing the applicant's qualifications to accomplish project
 - Statement of how the project advances the Mission of the Colorado Native Plant Society
 - Which Colorado native plant(s), native plant community or habitat will benefit from this proposal

- Photos, schematics, or mock-ups of project, if appropriate
- Desired funding (up to XX max per proposal) and line-item budget of how it will be used. **Please state whether partial funding would still be beneficial.**
- **As a condition of the award, all recipients are required to:**
 - Provide documentation of how money received was allocated
 - Provide a summary of what products/accomplishments came from the funding
 - While not required, we also suggest that grant recipients write an article for *Aquilegia* so the membership can learn about what was accomplished with the funds
 - Other requirements or requests may be made on a case-by-case basis

SELECTION PROCESS

The Colorado Native Plant Society Board of Directors is solely responsible for evaluating project proposals and determining the amount of the award granted for selected Mission Grant projects. Grants will be chosen based on how well the proposed project(s) meet the criteria outlined in this document and the Society's available budgets. Grants will be awarded twice every calendar year, once in spring and once in fall. To be considered, spring proposals must be received by e-mail by February 1st and fall proposals by August 1st. Proposals should be e-mailed to Conpsoffice@aol.com. Applicants will be notified by mail of the Society's decision by April 1st for spring applications and October 1st for fall applications.

The following criteria will be considered in rating applications:

- Quality of proposal (well written, clear purpose, tangible product(s) and timeline)
- Overview of how the project advances the Society's Mission
- Summary of applicant's experience and ability to bring project to completion (including other funding being sought or other organizations involved in the project)
- Explanation of which Colorado native plant or native plant community/habitat the project benefits