

## **Colorado Native Plant Society Myrna Steinkamp and Sue Martin Grant**

### **Purpose and Application Guidelines**

**PURPOSE.** The Myrna Steinkamp and Sue Martin Research Grant is administered by the Colorado Native Plant Society (CONPS) with funds contributed by members and non-members. The fund is named in honor of Myrna Steinkamp and Sue Martin, founding CONPS members who worked on the Society's publication *Rare Plants of Colorado*. The fund is earmarked to support any aspect of field or laboratory research that advances knowledge on those Colorado native plants that are rare or of conservation concern. This grant supports the Mission of 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."*

**AWARDS.** Awards up to \$2500 will be administered based on available funds.

### **Eligibility.**

- 1) Applicants must be members of the Colorado Native Plant Society.
- 2) Awards may be used for travel, lodging, supplies, and expendable equipment. Awards may not be used for wages or overhead.
- 3) Awards may be partial or the sole source of funding for the research.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.** Applicants must complete an online application and upload a document file including 1) cover letter, 2) Resumé or Curriculum Vitae, 3) Project Description, and 4) Project Timeline and Budget. Application submission can be found on the CONPS webpage (conps.org)

**Condition of the Award: One year after the award has been administered (April 1st), recipients are required to:** provide CONPS a written report and photographs for use in publications and/or present at the CONPS annual conference or a chapter meeting.

**SELECTION PROCESS** The Colorado Native Plant Society Board of Directors or their invited reviewers are solely responsible for evaluating project proposals and determining the

amount of the award granted for selected Steinkamp and Martin 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 once every calendar year. To be considered, proposals must be received by February 15th. To apply, complete the online application at <https://conps.org/conps-grants/>, which requires uploading a document file comprising the documents described above under "Application requirements." Applicants will be notified by e-mail of the Society's decision by April 1st. The following criteria will be considered in rating applications:

- quality of proposal (well written, clear purpose, detailed budget, tangible product(s), and timeline);
- description of how the proposed activity advances the mission of CONPS;
- description of the research and how it advances understanding of Colorado rare plants;
- summary of applicant's experience and ability to bring project to a successful completion (including other funding being sought or other organizations involved in the project);
- commitment to documenting expenditures and summarizing outcomes within one year of receiving an award, as well as contributing an article to *Aquilegia*;
- description of benefits to partner organizations that advance the mission of CONPS.