



Be Outside, Idaho is a coalition of over 100 diverse organizations that collaborate and share resources to help address 'nature deficit disorder' and connect Idaho's youth to the outdoors.

The Idaho Recreation and Tourism Initiative (IRTI), a coalition of state and federal agencies working with non-profit groups to promote recreation and tourism opportunities, helps fund and promote Be Outside grants each year. Be Outside, Idaho grants, funded by IRTI partners, are awarded to Idaho schools, government entities, and non-profit organizations that encourage youth and their families to get outdoors, including projects that focus on outdoor recreation and natural resource education.

Key dates will be:

- **September 2026** Grant Application Announcement
- **October 30, 2026** Application Deadline
- **November 16, 2026** Grant Award Notification
- **June 4, 2027** Grant Reports Due

Be Outside, Idaho has helped fund projects, such as:

- Boise Urban Garden School - Outdoor Youth Learning Garden
- Pocatello Charter School - Teton Science School
- Post Falls School District - Coeur d'Alene Lake Eagle Watch Trip
- Wild Science Explorers - Wilderness Science Education
- Salmon Valley Stewardship - Butterflies, Bees, Beetles and Botany
- Gooding Public Library - Unplugged Explorer

For more information about IRTI, contact Deniz Aygen: idrecreationtourism@gmail.com

Learn more: beoutsideidaho.gov

Be Outside, Idaho!

2023-2024 Grant Application

Mission Statement: To connect children with nature in Idaho, from backyards to mountaintops.



Please complete this application fully. Failure to address all sections will result in your application being rejected for consideration. Volunteer organizations must have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor. All applications must include one sponsor letter of support.

Application Deadline: OCTOBER 30, 2026

SUBMIT TO: Deniz Aygen at idrecreationtourism@gmail.com

Maximum amount awarded: \$2500

*****Please Note: This grant is on a reimbursement basis only. Funds will be awarded upon project completion and submission of a fully completed Grant Report that meets grant requirements with photos.***

Be Outside, Idaho does not fund transportation costs, entrance fees, food costs, school tracks/gyms or t-shirts/promotional items.

Be Outside, Idaho is a project of the Idaho Recreation and Tourism Initiative (IRTI), a coalition of state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations that collaborate and share resources to encourage youth and their families and schools to get outdoors, including projects that focus on outdoor recreation and natural resource education.

PROJECT TITLE: _____

APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION: _____

Only one applicant per partnership or consortium.

IS THIS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION? _____ YES _____ NO

If yes, list your tax-exempt fiscal sponsor: _____

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PROJECT CONTACT:

Name

Organization

Email

Phone

Address

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

501c(3) and fiscal sponsors must have current 990s filed with the IRS. _____ Yes

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

Provide your organization's mission and/or the services it provides. (150 words maximum)

PROJECT SUMMARY:

(150 words maximum)

This should be a short summary of the proposed project. Do not provide full project description here.

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STEM: STEM-specific projects are eligible for funding as part of this grants program.

Is your project STEM? (STEM is a common abbreviation for four closely connected areas of study: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)

YES _____

NO _____

If yes, we challenge you to think of ways your project is STEM related and share below.

(150 words maximum)

This should be a short summary of how the project relates to STEM.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: \$ _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____

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1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (150 words maximum)

Describe your project and how it is critical to those it would serve.

Include: who will benefit from the project; how it will be accomplished; location; timeframe; project collaborators; and focus (ie; outdoor recreation and natural resource education).

2. BE OUTSIDE, IDAHO MISSION (150 words maximum)

Describe how your project directly supports the Be Outside, Idaho mission to “Connect children with nature in Idaho, from backyards to mountaintops.”

3. PROJECT NEED(S)

Describe your project need(s). (150 words maximum)

Include: details about how the funds will be used; matching dollars from other partners; and how Be Outside, Idaho funding will help make this project a success

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4. BE OUTSIDE, IDAHO RECOGNITION

Be Outside Logo: *If awarded a grant, **Be Outside, Idaho** requires that its logo be included in all promotion of the project, including print and digital means. You will be given the logo in digital format. Do you agree to this?* _____YES

Other recognition: *How will **Be Outside, Idaho** be recognized for your project grant? (must check at least one)*

_____ Follow on Facebook and/or Instagram

_____ Like us on Facebook

_____ Use #BeOutsideIdaho Tag

_____ Post project on organization's website

_____ Post photos on Facebook and Instagram

***NOTE! No photo of a child may be posted publicly anywhere without a completed photo release form, signed by child's parent or guardian.

_____ Newsletter

_____ Sign

_____ Other (Describe)

5. PROJECT REPORT: Can you commit to completing a short report by June 4, 2027, regarding the status of the project and the amounts for how the funds were used? A form will be provided.

_____YES _____NO

6. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Attach a signed and dated letter of support for your project. (PDF file)

7. BUDGET FORM

Attach budget form.

8. W9

Please submit a W9 with your application.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to get paid, you will need to submit itemized invoices with your final report that include: Vendor, Date, Amount, and Item(s) purchased

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Project Cost	0
Project Income	0
Total Budget Request	



BE OUTSIDE, IDAHO

EXAMPLE GRANT REQUEST

BUDGET FORM

Project Title: Watching the Wild Side
Grant Year: 2023

EXPENSES	ITEM	RATE/HR or COST/UNIT	# of HOURS or UNITS	TOTAL COST
	Bird feeders	\$25	3	75
	APS bird feeder set up	\$100	1	100
	Field Guides	\$15	20	300
	Binoculars	\$50	10	500
TOTAL PROJECT COST:				975

INCOME	SOURCE	FUNDS SECURED/ACQUIRED	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	Cash donation		in kind	\$100
	Bird seed	pending	donation	\$200
	Volunteer hours	secured	10 hrs @\$25/hr	\$250
	Hummingbird feeders	secured	donation	\$15
TOTAL PROJECT INCOME:				565

Your income and expenses do not need to be equal.

Project Cost	975
Project Income	565
Total Budget Request	975