

2026 CALL FOR NURSERY RESEARCH PROPOSALS



Proposals Due October 15th



Nursery & Florist Research Grant

The Nursery Advisory Committee seeks research that benefits the Idaho Green industry

SUBMISSIONS

Please send proposals in PDF format via email to alice.parham@isda.idaho.gov no later than **October 15th, 2025 (Wednesday), 5 pm MST**. The NAC Research Proposal and Funding Request Form is available upon request from the email above.

BACKGROUND

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), in cooperation with the Nursery Advisory Committee (NAC), annually award financial grants to support research that would benefit the Idaho nursery industry. These grants are funded primarily through the Nursery Research Fee, paid to the ISDA through Idaho Nursery/Florist license fees. In 2025, 2 projects were supported with a total allocation of approximately \$20,000, as well as 2 projects extended from the 2024 approvals.

EVALUATION

Submissions are reviewed and prioritized by the Idaho Nursery Advisory Committee. A submitter may be asked to modify & re-submit a proposal if the committee decides it warrants further review. The committee makes the final selection of awardees. Grant awards are administered and issued by the ISDA. For questions about the funding process, please contact the ISDA. Phone: 208-332-8621 or Email:

alice.parham@isda.idaho.gov

2026 OBJECTIVES

Grants are awarded to projects which focus on five main categories that result in:

Prevention and elimination of plant diseases and insect pests, both common and emergent.

Development and improvement of cultural methods, technologies, or cultivars that are beneficial to the nursery industry.

DELIVERABLES

A brief written mid-year progress report and a final report, detailing the research results are required as part of the grant process. Reports must be submitted to the ISDA for invoices/awards to be approved. Interim (Mid-term) Progress reports are due August 31. Final reports are due December 31st.

AWARDS

Final award letters will be delivered via postal mail and/or email. Funding for all approved projects is provided in the following allotments:

- 50% paid upon project approval and full execution of the award agreement with the ISDA
- 50% payment paid upon receipt and approval of a final report

For approved projects totaling less than \$5,000, funding will be paid upon project approval.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please email: alice.parham@isda.idaho.gov.

Disclaimer: Per Idaho Code 22-2323, collected funds are for the benefit of that specific industry and the research does not benefit the Idaho Department of Agriculture as a state agency. These research funds are collected by the ISDA on behalf of growers through a licensing or surcharge fee.

September 15	Request for grant proposals sent out to all license holders.
October 15	Proposals due to the ISDA
November 15	Any requests to researchers for clarification or modification of grant proposals made by NAC
December 1	Changes and revisions to proposals due to ISDA
January	Projects selected for funding.

Contact

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