

## Palouse Prairie Foundation Mini-grant Program

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The Palouse Prairie Foundation (PPF) is a nonprofit organization whose overarching mission is to **promote the preservation and restoration of native Palouse Prairie ecosystems in Whitman County, Washington and Latah County, Idaho**. To this end, the PPF supports efforts to:

- 1) raise public awareness about plants and animals (and other biota) found in the prairie and the ecological functions that they carry out to sustain it;
- 2) raise public awareness about issues threatening the prairie as well as opportunities to conserve it;
- 3) develop educational materials and curricula for prairie conservation;
- 4) conduct research;
- 5) restore degraded prairie lands locally; and
- 6) increase seed for use in local restoration.

The Palouse Prairie once extended over hundreds of thousands of acres in eastern Washington and northwestern Idaho, blanketing the region during spring and summer months with wildflowers and providing habitat for fish and wildlife and resources for native Americans. The region's deep fertile soils and relatively mild climate were ideal for cereal and legume production, however, and the prairie was subsequently converted to the highly productive agricultural region that it is famous for today. During the conversion period most of the prairie was lost. Fortunately, thousands of small patches of prairie remain, providing habitat for rare animals such as the giant Palouse earthworm and a number of rare plants including Jessica's aster and Palouse thistle. The PPF is committed to helping individuals and organization to conserve and restore these prairie remnants, thereby increasing habitat connectivity and long-term sustainability of the ecosystem.

The Palouse Prairie Foundation has a mini-grant program to promote the conservation and restoration of Palouse Prairie and to raise public awareness of this endangered ecosystem. This program provides small grants to students, teachers, conservationists, landowners and others interested in the conservation and restoration of Palouse Prairie. Monetary awards range from \$50 - \$1000 depending on need. Examples of mini-grant may be granted to:

- students for research to report on environmental or social issues that affect prairie conservation/restoration efforts in the region
- educators developing teaching material about the Palouse Prairie
- land owners wishing cost-share on restoration efforts

There is no deadline for applications. Proposals will be evaluated and funded as they are received.

## Palouse Prairie Foundation Mini-Grant Application

Name of primary contact person:

Name of organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Description of proposal

Please include:

1. How your proposal supports the mission of the Palouse Prairie Foundation
2. The end product(s) of your proposal
3. Approximate start and end dates and significant points or stages of progress
4. Projected date for submission of an oral or written concluding report to the Palouse Prairie Foundation

Is this application part of a larger proposal or project with another funding source? If so, briefly describe.

Amount requested (please include a short list of budget items)

Complete and submit the application to [ppf@palouseprairie.org](mailto:ppf@palouseprairie.org) or

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