



## 2023 LUNARIA GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Organization: City of Star, Parks, Arts & Beautification Committee

Project Title: River House Horticulture Project

Project Location: Star River House, 960 S. Main St., Star, ID 83669

Organization website: www.staridaho.org

Is this a non-profit organization: YES ☒ NO If yes, provide a copy of your IRS designation letter with your application.

### Contact information for organization representative:

Name: Gerri McCorkle, Chairperson, Arts, Parks & Beautification Committee

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: 10769 W. State St.

City: Star Idaho Zip code: 83669

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### A. Project Description:

Total projected project cost \$ 9,780 Amount requested of IBG \$ 1,500

On a separate page(s), describe the project and state its goals and objectives. Narrative should explain why this project is worthwhile, the project's time line, geographical area to be served, who and how many will be served, who will do the work, how the success of the project will be evaluated, and information about any collaborative project partners. Indicate if this is a one-time project or will be continued in future years. If it is a continuing project, describe how it will be maintained. Label each section of this narrative.

### B. Project Budget:

- Income: List amount and sources of contribution of cash and in-kind support committed to this project to date (in one column), and those that are pending (you have asked but are not sure that you will receive them) in another column. Please indicate if those contributions are dedicated for specific expense line items.

- Expenses: List expenses by category as separate line items.
- The total of confirmed, pending and grant requested income should match the total of expenses for project.

### Sample Itemized Budget Template

	<u>Confirmed Income</u>	<u>Pending Income</u>
<b>INCOME ITEM</b>		
• Donations (Cash)	\$100	\$200
• Donations (In-kind) plants from XYZ Nursery 60 plants at \$5/plant	\$300	
• Donation – labor, from Garden Scholars Club – 30 hours at \$25/hour	\$750	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>	<b>\$200</b>

<b>EXPENSE ITEM</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>
• Top soil – 12 yards at \$10/yard	\$120	\$20
• Plants – 120 plants at \$5/plant	\$600	\$300
• Fertilizer – two 30lb bags of 10-10-10 or Gro Mor organic fertilizer at \$25/bag	\$50	\$50
• Labor – 50 hours at \$25/hour	\$1,250	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,020</b>	<b>\$370</b>

Please email [jennifer@idahobotanicalgarden.org](mailto:jennifer@idahobotanicalgarden.org)  
with any application questions.

The decision-making body of the applicant has discussed this information and all information provided is accurate.



Applicant Representative's Signature

Mayor

Title

Trevor Chadwick

Print Name

February 3, 2023

Date

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RIVER HOUSE HORTICULTURE PROJECT**

**TITLE:** The Star River House Horticulture Project

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Formerly a home that was acquired in 2013, the River House was remodeled by the City in 2019 and now contains a large, partitioned meeting space, full kitchen, beautiful rock fireplace and room for storage. It is available to the public for rent and is used as well for educational classes. The wrap-around deck facing the river on the south side of the center provides a natural stage for musical performances, our Art by the River event and is a nice area for outdoor seating. As a fairly new location for such activities, the number of visitors to the River House is growing as activities there also increase. In 2022, we experienced approximately 5,600 visitors to the River House. Our current city population is approximately 17,000 with a 52% rate of growth since 2020. There is a definite need for these educational opportunities in the western Treasure Valley.

**EDUCATION**

In addition to creating a beautiful landscape element, this project will be accompanied by a horticulture-based education program, achieved through City-sponsored classes.

A Master Gardener has committed to providing classroom and laboratory education to individuals interested in horticulture. Students would participate in the planting and maintenance of the garden area throughout the growing season and prepare the greenhouse for the propagation of seeds. Additionally, the PAB Committee would formulate youth workshops, provide similar educational opportunities for scout groups, church groups, and individual children interested in expanding their horticultural knowledge. Emphasis will be on the role and important of pollinators in our environment and to help our many new citizens to Idaho that have relocated to Star, make decisions in their plantings that promote these pollinators' needs and wise gardening choices.

**COLLABORATION**

The PAB Committee views this project as a springboard to a multitude of collaborative opportunities, perhaps the strongest between our own City departments. The Committee has prided itself on providing outlets for individual community members and groups to participate in activities and events that not only enhance the participants, but the City as well.

Ada and Canyon County Master Gardeners are well established volunteers for the City for several years now and have committed to this project.

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There will be additional educational opportunities through workshops for local youth, and a potential canvas for projects which can be accomplished through Boy Scout Eagle Award and Girl Scout Gold Award programs. The PAB Committee Chairperson is an experienced Eagle Award and Gold Award mentor and advisor having supervised over one dozen high-level scout projects. Additional collaboration is described in the Additional Funding and Partnerships and Budget section of this application.

Implementation is described below in four proposed components:

**1. Raised Garden Boxes**

The primary component of the project includes the construction of six, 12-foot by three-foot, stone-bordered, raised garden planters, to be placed along the north side of the main entrance driveway to the River House property. These boxes will provide a visually pleasing barrier between the River House property and private residences to the north.

**1a. Plants** The boxes will contain a combination of perennial flowers and native plants, which will allow pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to prosper. Plant identification tags will be used for education of the public viewing the beds, and to help them in making wise choices in their own gardening endeavors.

**2. Irrigation**

Appropriate irrigation to the garden box area including water lines, valves and the appropriate emitters will be installed to sustain the plantings. The water source has been identified and a plan developed with the assistance of a professional landscape company to deliver water to the area. The City will take responsibility for the cost and implementation of this aspect.

**3. Greenhouse**

This project also includes building a greenhouse (approximately 8-feet by 10-feet) that will serve as an area to cultivate seeds for not only the River House, but also for other areas of the City. This greenhouse will serve as one of the primary laboratory areas for City-sponsored horticulture classes for adults and youth alike.

**4. Maintenance**

Ongoing maintenance of the completed project will be carried out by PAB volunteers, youth groups, and students of the horticulture programs provided by the City. All individuals involved in the maintenance plan will work at the direction of the City Staff and volunteer Master Gardener in our community.

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**PROJECT METRICS**

Successes of this project will be measured in several ways. The River House is a focal point of the community and host to numerous public and private events. Those in attendance will have the ability to enjoy and experience this project's beauty.

The regularly occurring public events at the time of this application are the Fishing Derby; Fourth of July celebration; Christmas Tree Lighting; New Year's Eve Celebration, Opera by the River; Art by the River; Summer Music and Movie Night Events; Summer Camps; Recreational Classes; Educational Classes and Private events including weddings.

It is estimated that approximately 5,600 people attend scheduled public and private events at the River House property. This does not include community members and others who may use the property on non-event days.

It is anticipated that the enhanced beauty realized by the completion of this project will be reflected in an increase of class/workshop participation, an increased number of private events, expansion of horticultural classes and increased participation in other City-sponsored recreation and educational classes. This is a metric that will be tracked by the City of Star in collaboration with the PAB Committee.

**TIMELINE**

The implementation timeline is as follow:

**Design phase** – Currently in progress with the goal of completion by April 1, 2023

**Acquisition of Materials** – Acquisition of materials for garden boxes to begin about late April 2023, to early May 2023

**Construction of Garden Boxes** – Early May 2023

**Educational Opportunities** – Late April 2023, to November 2023

Ongoing educational classes will be held to coincide with beds being built and the placement of acquired perennials and native plants.

**Instillation of Greenhouse** - To begin after late October 2023

**Ongoing Maintenance** – To begin in April 2023 with no end date.

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**ADDITIONAL FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS**

Partnering with local businesses has been a cornerstone to the success of numerous PAB Committee projects. PAB foresees multiple opportunities for not only in-kind donations of product and materials, but also direct funding by potential contributors. The key to success is properly articulating the goals of the project and the proposed benefit to the community.

The PAB Committee's intent is to provide matching funds from its existing budget to assist in underwriting this project.

The PAB Committee has partnered with Basalite-Boise, for consideration of materials to construct the six garden boxes and Roots Landscape Products for premium garden soil mix.

**BUDGET**

REVENUE	COMMITTED REVENUE	PENDING REVENUE
1. PAB Budget Contribution	\$4,500	
2. 2023 Supplemental Budget Adjustment		\$2,700
3. City of Star: In-kind donation for irrigation materials and labor	\$480	
4. IBG Lunaria Grant Proceeds		\$1,500
5. In-kind donation for plant ID tags (50)	\$600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,580</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$9,780</b>	

EXPENSES	BUDGETED EXPENSE	GRANT REQUEST
1. Materials & Labor		
Stones/materials for garden boxes	\$4,200	\$270
Greenhouse	\$2,700	
Irrigation	\$480	\$200
Premium garden mix soil	\$445	\$450
Road base for wall	\$180	\$180
Perennial plants	\$1,150	\$400
Plant Identification Tags (50)	\$625	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,780</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,780</b>	
<b>Net</b>	<b>0</b>	

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**SUMMARY**

The City of Star is one of the fastest growing communities in the Treasure Valley – we have increased our population by 52% since 2020. It is the goal of the City and its PAB Committee to enhance public areas for families and individuals. The completion of this project is a significant step in making the River House the perennial location for events in the City.



***Raised planters will extend from right foreground of photo to second tree trunk beyond the orange cone***



***Planter boxes will extend from the immediate left foreground of photo to top of driveway***