

Montana Association of Planners - Education and Training Mini-Grant Program

The Montana Association of Planners (MAP) provides small grants to its members for a number of training and educational activities which promote public education and professional development in the areas of land use planning and community development. Funds are provided in the following program categories:

District Workshop Program Funding

MAP has identified nine geographic districts in the state (see attached map). Members are encouraged to gather with others in their district or neighboring district(s) (including planning board members, county commissioners, city council members, public and private land managers, real estate professionals, etc.) to pursue specialized training, address issues of common concern and to network. MAP will make up to \$250.00 available per district, annually. (Neighboring districts may choose to partner to increase attendance and funding.)

In addition, MAP often holds its Board of Directors meetings in various communities throughout the state. Opportunities exist for local communities to partner with MAP to offer educational programs in their regions in conjunction with these periodic roving Board meetings.

Local Informational Sessions

MAP encourages planners at the local level to hold informational sessions for persons in their communities who have a stake in land use issues including real estate professionals, builders, local government officials, title companies and surveyors. MAP will provide up to \$50 to purchase refreshments and printed materials for these worthwhile local endeavors.

The MAP Mentoring Program

Whether new to the field of planning or not, it is often helpful for local planners to visit one-on-one with others in their field. MAP will help defray the expenses associated with traveling to another community to observe the workings of its planning office. Specific activities may include observing meetings, shadowing staff members or conducting research. Conversely, mentors may wish to travel outside their community to assist fellow planners in other areas of the state. Persons interested in participating in the Mentoring Program (as mentors or “mentorees”) should contact the MAP Board of Directors. Grant awards for this program will generally not exceed \$250.00.

Funding requests are reviewed by the MAP Board of Directors.

Application Information

If you are interested in applying for a MAP education and training mini-grant*, please complete the attached application form and send it to:

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*Only MAP members are eligible to apply

MAP Education and Training Mini-Grant Program Application

Name: _____

Agency or Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mini-Grant Program to which you are applying (please check one):

Regional Workshop

Local Informational Session/Reception

Mentoring Program

Other (Please Explain): _____

Please attach a brief summary (no more than one page) of your proposed activity. Please include the following information:

For Workshops and Receptions:

- Proposed date, time and place for the activity
- Program Content Summary
- Intended Audience and Method of Contact

For Mentoring Program:

- Topic or area of Research (general or specific area of planning/land use expertise)
- Mentoring Contact and Proposed Travel/Research Itinerary

Amount Requested (receipts are required for reimbursement): _____

Montana Association of Planners (MAP) District Map

