2010 Guidelines for IAIA Mini Challenge Grants

Mini-Challenge Grants are a competitive source of funds provided by the IAIA Board to encourage members and Sections to undertake innovative projects to advance the strategic direction of IAIA. The Board has provided for a small number of grant projects (3-5) each year, depending on available funds, that would move IAIA forward in one or more desirable directions, e.g., help to grow the organization's membership, influence and involvement, educational products/services, finances and activities.

1. Applications must be made by current IAIA members and received by IAIA HQ on or before the due date. Decisions will be made by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board at the respective IAIA Board meetings.
2. Grant applications should be in the format designated.
3. Applications should be for amounts in the range of $2,000 to $5,000 (the maximum considered). A disbursement of 50% will be made at inception, 40% at the project's mid-term, and 10% upon receipt of final report.
4. Projects must be achievable within a 12-month period.
5. Preference will be given to proposals with clearly defined objectives, activities, outputs and outcomes as indicated in the application format.
6. Individuals and Sections can apply. Preference will be given to proposals made by active IAIA Sections.
7. Projects which are able to leverage financial and/or in-kind support from other organizations are encouraged.
8. No section or individual will be able to hold more than one grant at a time.
9. Mini Challenge Grant funding is not intended to support IAIA membership or the costs of attending IAIA conferences.

Preference will be given to proposals that have one or more of the following characteristics that support IAIA's Strategic Action Plan:

a. Outreach (e.g., draft documents for lay people from IAIA Best Practice series)

b. Recruitment and retention (e.g., focus populations for recruitment including corporations, students/early professionals, and EIA professionals from Latin America and Small Island States; and membership retention strategies for IAIA as a whole)

c. Engagement of IAIA in timely topics (e.g., climate change, sustainability assessment, ethics) and with key international organizatons

d. Sustainability strategy for IAIA (e.g., fundraising and marketing strategies; innovative sponsorship efforts, motivating volunteers; partnership/cooperation with other organizations)

e. Promoting integrative IA (e.g., case studies, professional practice papers, special events)

f. Tools and training (e.g., state-of-the-art review of literature, good news case studies, non-conference training strategies, capacity building, expansion of existing products and services)