

PRAIRIE BIOTIC RESEARCH, INC.

Summary of the 32 Research Proposals Winning Funding in our 2018 Small Grants Program

We were able to fund 32 of 86 proposals this year, for a total of \$45,017. Funded proposals were submitted by 19 women and 18 men, most of whom are academics: two professors, three post-docs, eight doctoral students, eight masters students, one undergraduate, one high school teacher and one high school senior. Thirteen are independent researchers. The 32 proposals come from 15 states: California (1), Florida (1), Idaho (1), Illinois (5), Iowa (2), Kansas (3), Minnesota (3), Montana (1), North Carolina (1), Oklahoma (1), Oregon (1), South Dakota (1), Texas (4), Wisconsin (6) and Wyoming (1). These include 11 insect projects, six relating to vascular plants, four reptile projects, three mammal projects, two reptile/amphibian projects, one amphibian project, one lichen project, one relating to birds and fire management and another relating to insects and fire, another focusing on birds and butterflies, and one focusing on a plant and its pollinators. One of these proposals was submitted by a daughter-mother team, another was submitted by a husband-wife team. For the first time, one of these proposals was written by a researcher whose mentor won funding from us years ago; this is very gratifying! Four of these 37 researchers are previous winners. William Welch won funding in 2011, 2014 and 2016. He is a high school teacher who involves his students in his field research. Allison Sacerdote-Velat won funding back in 2011. Kayhan Ostovar won funding in 2016. You might enjoy reading these researchers' reports of their earlier work and viewing related images on our website: www.prairiebioticresearch.org. Click on Research Reports, then search by year. You might come across other reports that interest you, too! Marci Hess won our support in 2017 but, at this writing, has not yet reported; we're confident she will.