Summary of the 30 Research Proposals Winning Funding in our 2019 Small Grants Program

We were able to fund 30 of 76 proposals this year, for a total of $42,328. Funded proposals were submitted by 35 people — 18 women and 17 men — most of whom are in academia: four professors, one post-doc, nine doctoral students, five masters students and three undergraduates. Thirteen are independent researchers. The 30 proposals come from 19 states: Alabama (1), California (1), Colorado (1), Georgia (1), Illinois (3), Iowa (2), Kansas (1), Massachusetts (1), Minnesota (3), Missouri (2), Montana (2), Nebraska (2), New Hampshire (1), Oklahoma (2), South Dakota (1), Texas (2), Virginia (1), Wisconsin (2) and Wyoming (1). These include 12 insect projects, eight relating to vascular plants, two reptile projects, and one project relating to each of amphibian, aquatic macroinvertebrates, biocrust, bird, fish, mammal, mammals plus reptiles, pollen. Six of these 35 researchers are previous winners, in each case continuing the same research we funded earlier. Charles Eiseman, this time joined by his wife Julia Blyth, continues to work on leaf-miners over a broad region of our midcontinent. Paul Hlina and Derek Anderson are independent botanists surveying barrens flora in northwestern Wisconsin. Jennifer Larson will expand her catalog of images of pollen of native plants from the Great Plains. Justin and Tara Ramsey continue to study the tangled web of common yarrow in South Dakota. You might enjoy reading these researchers' reports of their earlier work and viewing related images on our website. Click on Research Reports, then search by year. You might come across other reports that interest you, too! You can also read the 2019 Project Summaries of each of these 30 projects by browsing under Research Reports. Just select all options for 2019.

As widely announced in 2018, this 2019 Small Grants Program is the last we foresee administering, at least for some while. Our board is especially satisfied with the results this year, with relatively more independent researchers in the mix, with an essentially even split of women and men receiving funding, with the huge array of states from which researchers have submitted proposals and with the diversity of fascinating topics.