



MINI GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Friends Groups in support of a Tennessee State Park or Natural Area
- Other **Partners** who are eligible, as long as the project is specific to the park:
 - ✓ Friends of Bicentennial Mall State Park
 - ✓ Friends of Roan Mountain
 - ✓ Roan Mountain Citizens Club
 - ✓ Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation

NOTE: The above listed **Friends Groups and Partners** must be 501c3, members of the Friends of Tennessee State Parks and be current on their yearly filings with both the Tennessee Secretary of State and the IRS.

GRANT AWARD: Friends Groups can apply for up to \$500 for a project per year. If you received a mini grant in 2017, you are eligible to apply in 2018.

GRANT CRITERIA: Grant recipients are selected by a volunteer judging panel based on the following:

- Importance of the project in creating an enhancement of the visitor's experience to a Tennessee State Park or Natural Area
- Importance of the project to significantly improve a Tennessee State Park or Natural Area
- Demonstrate community and park support for the project
- Ability to match funds awarded at 50% in cash or volunteer labor using the [Independent Sector](#) rate for the State of Tennessee (\$22.16 per hour).
- Likelihood of tangible results
- Capacity of the Friends Group to complete the project

ELIGIBLE GRANT PROJECTS:

- Ecological assessments
- Trail enhancements (trailhead displays, benches, bridges, picnic tables)
- Bridges, boardwalks or overlook decks
- Trail maintenance
- Mapping
- Master plans and designs for greenways/trails



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ELIGIBLE GRANT PROJECTS (CONTINUED):

- Handicapped accessible ramps or decks
- Developing brochures and maps
- Interpretive displays
- Audio-visual productions
- Interpretive or directional signage
- Trail construction tools or supplies
- Building a foot bridge
- All appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway or trail project
- Other creative projects

HOW TO APPLY: Complete the grant application and submit online to The Friends of Tennessee State Parks

FINAL REPORT: Grant recipients must document their work and provide a written and photographic report within one year of receiving funding

DUE: Applications are due April 30, 2018