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Missouri Parks Association (MPA) Grant Program

Purpose: The purpose of the MPA grant program is to deploy the earnings from the MPA endowment fund. The grants will be used to directly support Missouri state parks and nonprofit partners through a grant program that increases access, education, and stewardship.

Primary Focus Areas:

- **ACCESS-**
 - Grants for Missouri State Parks and/or nonprofits that are helping change the narrative of outdoor exploration and are addressing issues of representation and access of underrepresented and underserved communities.
- **EDUCATION-**
 - Trail signs, information panels, guides, maps, and materials that inform and broaden visitors' park and historic site experiences.
 - Funding for educational opportunities and job training for Missouri State Park employees.
- **STEWARDSHIP-**
 - Grants to Missouri state park and historic site Friends groups and nonprofit conservation organizations for projects that improve facilities, build, and maintain trails, restore habitat, or preserve cultural resources.

Geographic Area Served: Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites

Guidelines and Eligibility:

1. Grants to Missouri State Parks and to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. If you are not a 501(c)(3), Fiscal Agent to receive funds will be accepted.
2. Programs or projects need to align with the primary focus areas.
3. Proposal applications and project evaluation reports shall be required and will follow a format to be developed by the MPA board of directors.
4. Only proposals directly benefiting, through education or stewardship, or involving, through access to Missouri State Parks or State Historic Sites, will be considered.
5. Projects should align with the Conceptual Development Plan of the state park or historic site or be approved by the director of state parks or designee.
6. The grant program guidelines may be revised by the MPA board of directors.

Grants are not made:

1. To organizations discriminating against certain groups or individuals in the delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, color, religious creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ancestry, national origin, or disability.
2. For propagandizing, influencing legislation and/or elections; for political candidates, political campaigns; for litigation.
3. For sponsorships, tables, or tickets for special events or fundraising events.



2026 Grant Cycle Dates:

- **November 15, 2025:** 2026 grant cycle opens.
- **December 31:** Applications for grant proposals close. All proposal materials are due. Scan and email to MPA at info@missouriparks.org or mail (must be postmarked by December 31, 2025) to P.O. Box 8531, Kansas City, MO 64114.
- **January 2026:** Committee completes the application review and makes grant awards.
- **February:** All applicants will be notified about grant status.
- **March 1 – March 15:** Checks will be mailed to recipients upon receipt of signed grant agreements.
- **December 1, 2026:** Evaluation report due to MPA (form provided by MPA) (including any unused funds).

2025 Grant Application for 2026 Grant Cycle:

SECTION 1. APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Organization's Name:				Organization Phone:	
Mailing Address of Applicant Organization:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Applicant Organization Website:					
Name of Main Contact for This Proposal:				Phone #:	
Main Contact Email Address:					
Executive Director or Board President:				Phone #:	
Executive or President Email Address:					
Is Your Organization a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit?		Are you a Missouri State Park Department employee?			
If you are not a 501(c)(3), provide the name and mailing address of a 501(c)(3) organization that will be your Fiscal Agent to receive and disburse funds:					
Fiscal Agent Contact Person's Name, If Applicable:				Fiscal Agent Phone #:	
EIN of Your Organization or the Fiscal Agent That Will Receive the Funds:					



Your Organization's
Mission Statement, if
any:

SECTION 2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROJECT FOR WHICH YOU SEEK FUNDING
Instructions: Expand the space for each question in this section as needed to explain your project.

Project
Name:

Requested Funding Amount (not exceeding
\$1,000):

Missouri State Park(s) or Historic Site(s)
Served:

1. Grant Funding Primary Focus Areas:

2. What activities/projects do you intend to engage in using this grant funding, and what are your expected measurable outcomes of this grant?

3. How would you describe the community of people who will benefit from your project?

4. Who are your partners for this project? *List any partner organizations and describe the contribution to the project. Do not include contractors as partners unless the services are donated.*



SECTION 3. BUDGET FOR THE SPECIFIC PROJECT FOR WHICH YOU SEEK FUNDING

Item	A. Describe each line for which you request MPA grant funding.
1. Transportation	
2. Equipment	
3. Materials and Supplies	
4. Food Supplies	
5. Other (describe below)	
TOTAL MPA Funding Request	

Have you attached the required IRS letter of determination of your tax-exempt status (501(c)(3) approval)?
Note that if you have asked another organization to receive and disburse funds as a fiscal agent on your behalf, you must submit a copy of that organization's tax-exempt letter.

SECTION 4. ASSURANCES AND SIGNATURE

A. I certify that the information in this application is correct.

B. I affirm that the tax-exempt status of my organization, or the organization that will receive and disburse funds on our behalf, is currently in effect.

C. I agree that any grant awarded by the Missouri Parks Association will not fund or benefit any unlawful activities.

Signature:	Title:	Date: