

Mini-Grant Proposal FAQs

Who may apply: Individuals, schools, and non-governmental organizations desiring to create or further enhance a program or activity within the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Why apply: To support the Friends of the Porkies mission, which states, in part, "...Sponsor and support interpretive and environmental education activities that contribute to a better understanding of the natural and cultural history of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park...Sponsor and/or support projects that will protect and enhance all aspects of the Park for the benefit of the users."

What grant money may be used for: Grant funds cannot be used for salary, but most other expenses are acceptable.

How much is awarded: Depending on the number of applications, monetary awards are typically in the \$100 to \$300 dollar range, but may be made up to approximately \$1,000.

What to include in your Itemized Budget: List and prioritize all expenses requested from the Friends of the Porkies through this grant. Be as specific as possible. Feel free to include supplies, substitute teachers, teaching materials etc. Also, indicate other matching funding or in-kind services you have, or are seeking to complete the funding for your project, activity or field trip. Please provide the minimum level of funding that you could accept.

What must be done after the event/program ends: A grant recipient must provide a final report to the Mini-Grant coordinator that includes an accounting of funds expended and outcomes achieved upon program completion. Reports may be edited and published in the Friends of the Porkies "*Quill*" as well as other media.

When applications are due: Applications are typically accepted from January through mid-March each year, See application for exact dates.

Criteria for awarding: The following list of criteria will be used in evaluating all proposals

1. Number and diversity of local youth, seniors, and or people with special needs who benefit from the proposal
2. Proposal brings participants to the park and/ or provides tangible benefits to the park
3. Proposal serves an educational, scientific, geologic, or historic purpose especially regarding any aspect of story of copper.

Questions: E-mail sarahwagner@charter.net or write to the address below.

How to apply: Applications must include all of the information requested on the Mini-Grant Application Form. Complete the online application or download an application form at porkies.org. Mail written forms to: **Friends of the Porkies - Mini-Grant, PO Box 221 Ontonagon, MI 49953**