

Mini-Grant Proposal FAQs

Who may apply: Schools and non-governmental organizations desiring to create or enhance a program or activity that focuses on the importance of copper within the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Why apply: To support the Friends of the Porkies mission, "... 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."

What grant money may be used for: Grant funds can be used for transportation costs and other expenses directly associated with the visit to the park but cannot be used for salary. Feel free to include a prioritized list of expenses requested through this grant. Feel free to include supplies, teaching materials, etc. Indicate other matching funding you have for your activity and the minimum funding that you could accept.

How much is awarded: Depending on the number of applications, monetary awards are typically in the \$100 to \$300 dollar range but may be higher if the travel plan is more complex.

What must be done after the event/program ends: A grant recipient must provide a final report to the Mini-Grant coordinator that includes how funds were used, number of participants, and outcomes achieved upon program completion. Photographs and creative expressions of the participants are encouraged and the Friends may use them to promote the education programs.

When to apply: Applications for activities planned for January 1 through December 31, 2023, may be submitted starting now.

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

1. Provides an educational purpose focused on the scientific, geologic, or historic aspects of the story of copper in the Porkies.
2. Proposal brings participants to the park and provides educational benefits to the park.
3. Number of local youth, seniors, and people with special needs who benefit from the proposal.

How to apply: Applications must include the information requested on the Mini-Grant Application Form. Complete and submit the online application at: [Mini-Grant Program | Friends of the Porkies](#) or print and mail to **Katie Urban, 33303 Headquarters Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953.**