



# Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Mini Grant Program

## Overview

The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDWS) River Management Council announces the availability of Wild & Scenic Mini Grants for 2017/2018. These grants are intended for projects that support and enhance the goals and policies of the LDWS Management Plan.

## Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Management Council Goals and Policies

The following goals were developed as the basis for the [LDWS Management Plan](#).

### **Goal 1: Water Quality**

Maintain existing water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries from measurable degradation and improve it where practical.

### **Goal 2: Natural Resources**

Preserve and protect the river's outstanding natural resources, including rare and endangered plant and animal species, river islands, steep slopes and buffer areas in the river corridor and along the tributaries.

### **Goal 3: Historic Resources**

Preserve and protect the character of historic structures, districts and sites, including landscapes, in the river corridor.

### **Goal 4: Recreation**

Encourage recreational use of the river corridor that has a low environmental and social impact and is compatible with public safety, the protection of private property and with the preservation of natural and cultural qualities of the river corridor.

### **Goal 5: Economic Development**

Identify principles for minimizing the adverse impact of development within the river corridor and to encourage sustainable development where appropriate.

### **Goal 6: Open Space Preservation**

Preserve open space as a means of maximizing the health of the ecosystem, preserving scenic values, and minimizing the impact of new development in the river corridor.

## Application Deadline

Grant applications will be accepted through October 31, 2017.

## Who May Apply

Eligible entities include LDWS communities or their community appointed committees, schools, and community or non-profit (501c3) organizations that operate within the watershed. Partnerships are encouraged.

## Eligible Projects

Projects that are consistent with the LDWS management plan and that further its goals will be considered. Projects that include partnerships and in-kind matches will be given preference. Projects must be completed within one year of the award being granted. Possible project ideas include but are not limited to:

- Conservation, restoration or enhancement of fish, wildlife, riverine ecology, water quality, historic or recreational resources
- Protection of land along the river or its included tributaries
- Public education about the river and its resources and importance
- Research studies that increase understanding and lead to improved management of river resources
- Promotion of recreation to encourage people to use and protect the river
- Invasive species management
- Water conservation education and implementation
- Protection of natural river flow regimes
- Projects that engage students in the arts and sciences related to river resources
- Efforts to plan and manage for climate resilience

Mandated mitigation projects, permit requirement studies and capital or construction projects are not eligible.

## Funding

Grants may range from \$500 to \$2,000. Up to 50% of the grant funds may be awarded before the project begins. The balance will be paid once the project is completed.

## Application process

Interested parties must complete the application form below. Supporting materials are acceptable. Entire application and support materials should not exceed eight pages.

Please download this form to your computer, then fill out the interactive form on-screen, save it to your computer and attach the pdf file to an email to: [marilyn@delawarerivergp.org](mailto:marilyn@delawarerivergp.org), or print out the completed form, (attach additional pages if necessary for non-printing fields), and mail to:

Delaware River Greenway Partnership  
Mini Grant Proposal  
PO Box 15  
Stockton, NJ 08519

The LDWS Steering Committee will evaluate all proposals and present acceptable proposals to the LDWS Management Council for final approval. Applicants may be required to attend a formal meeting to further explain their projects.

Acceptable proposals must address the review criteria itemized below. Following the year-end 2017 Management Council meeting on November 30, 2017, grantees will be notified via email and a formal letter.

## Review Criteria

The merits of each proposal will be reviewed on the criteria listed below. Projects do not have to meet all criteria to be eligible, however more consideration will be given to proposals that address most or all of the following:

- **Wild and Scenic Outstanding Resources.** Does the proposed project protect, enhance or promote appreciation of one or more of the river's outstanding resources?
- **Stewardship.** Will the project strengthen relationships among communities, non-profits, and/or the public that will protect river resources?
- **Awareness.** Does the project engage a broad range of diverse partners and/or raise public awareness of the river?
- **Resources needed for implementation.** Can the project be completed with the funding available and within the timeline proposed?
- **Long-term benefits.** Can future activities or decisions of the river communities or regional or state entities build on the results of the project?
- **Sustainability of benefits.** Is there a plan for maintenance or ongoing work (if relevant) after the project is completed?
- **Leveraging of additional resources.** Are there matching funds or in-kind contributions to the project? These are not required, but strongly recommended.
- **Measurable results.** How will the effectiveness and impact of the project be measured?
- **Administrative capacity.** Is there demonstrated capability on the part of the applicant to complete this project?

## Final Report

Awardees will be required to submit a final report on their projects. Reports should include a summary of their actions and activities, not to exceed two pages. Any press releases, products and other pertinent materials should also be included. Before and after photos are encouraged.

Project Timeline: Projects must be completed by December 31, 2018



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**2017/2018 Mini Grant Application**

Project Name:

Funding Request:

Name of Town or Organization:

501(c)(3)?  Yes  No

Name of Primary Contact:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Address:

**Project/Program Description:** Summary of proposed work and goal(s) of the project (300 words or fewer).

**Project Partners:** Describe their role and funding, access and/or in-kind services provided.

**List of Permits or Permissions** required to undertake the project:

**Project Products or Deliverables:**

**How will project be evaluated?**

**Project Narrative:** Brief explanation to demonstrate how the project will meet the funding criteria and support the goals of the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic program. Please include relevant Outstandingly Remarkable Values (scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, etc.) directly benefited by the project. Entity performing the work and project lead (if different) and expertise and experience in completing projects similar to that proposed for funding. (Up to 2-pages written description, include photos, maps and other attachments as needed)

# Project Budget:

	Sub-Total	Wild & Scenic Funds Requested	Other Sources of Funds or In-Kind Support
<b>Contractor Services:</b> <i>(Approx. _____ hours @ \$_____ / hr including overhead expenses)</i>			
<b>Travel:</b> <i>(Approx. _____ miles @ \$0.535 / mile)</i>			
<b>Project Expenses:</b> <i>(including costs, quantities and description of expense)</i>			
<b>Other Expenses:</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

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Task Description and Timeline	1st Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	3rd Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2018