

Northern Forest Community Recreation Grants Winter 2023

The Center seeks proposals from volunteer-led organizations working to increase local participation in outdoor recreation. Projects should:

- Reduce physical, financial, and social barriers to participating in outdoor recreation
- Use outdoor recreation to address public health concerns
- Embrace principles of sustainability and natural resource engagement and stewardship

Criteria: Preference will be given to projects that will be significantly impacted by the scale of funding available and meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated community support
- Visible or quantifiable outcomes within six months of award
- Clear implementation plan
- Committed matching funds

Funding Available: Requests should range between \$500 and \$2,500. We anticipate making up to 15 awards.

Sample Projects: This list is illustrative only; proposals for additional project types are welcome.

- Recreation equipment for lending to community members
- Maps and trail signage
- Summer outdoor programs
- Transportation to outdoor recreation locations

Eligibility: Volunteer-led non-profits and municipal groups are eligible for funding. Projects must occur within the established Northern Forest counties, as shown on the map below. Contact us with questions about eligibility.

Contact: Joe Fox, Outdoor Recreation Manager – jfox@northernforest.org.

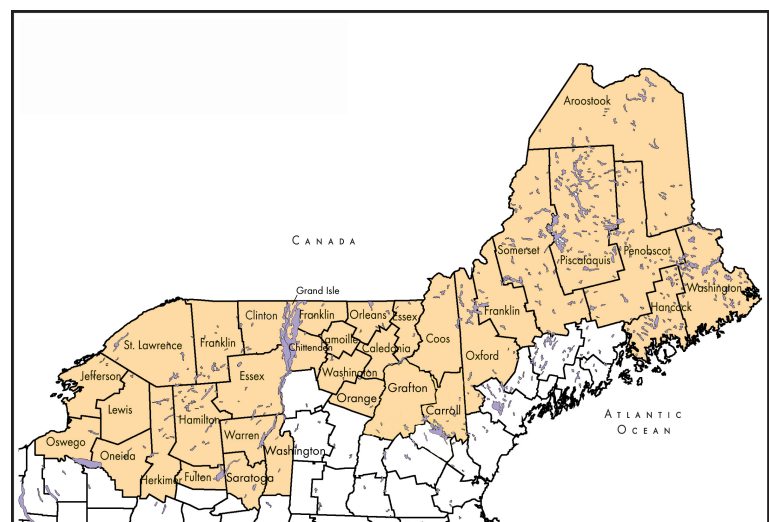
Deadline: March 31.

Review Process: Northern Forest Center staff will review proposals and may reach out for additional information. Decisions will be announced by May 1.

Proposal Guidelines

- Respond briefly to the questions on the following page.
- The total application should be no longer than 2 pages.
- Submit your proposal to Isabella Ronson (ironson@northernforest.org) by March 31.

Funding for these grants is provided by L.L. Bean.



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Application**

1. Project Name

2. Lead Organization

3. Project Partners

List partners whom we could contact to learn more about the project.

4. Contact Person

5. Project Description

Include discussion of how this meets Community Recreation Grants goals.

6. Expected Timeline and Brief Implementation Plan

7. Project Budget

Itemize major line items.

8. Requested Amount

9. Match Sources (if any) and Status