

Evan Means Small Grants Program

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Tennessee Trails Association

The chartered objectives of the Tennessee Trails Association are to promote and develop a system of hiking trails in the State, to provide opportunities for the enjoyment of these trails, and to educate the membership and the general public as to wise stewardship of trails and the outdoor areas through which they pass. TTA is also pledged to work with federal, state, and local agencies and other organizations and landowners for such promotion and development and to work for the conservation of natural resources. TTA is also the sponsor the Cumberland Trail.

In order to further these goals, the Tennessee Trails Association has established a small grants program to encourage local volunteer groups to undertake trail related projects.

These grants will honor Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of The Tennessee Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means has won countless awards for his work over the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, as well as for his dedication to projects that allow hikers to enjoy this natural beauty.

Any volunteer based non-profit organization working alone or working through public agencies will be considered for funding. Any project which supports the chartered objectives of the Tennessee Trails Association will be considered. Projects must be completed within the calendar year the grant is awarded. Grants will normally range from \$300 to \$600, although larger grants will be considered when funds are available. Contact the Grant Administrator of this program if you are considering requesting a grant larger than \$600.

Applications should be submitted no later than December 31. Decisions on grants to be awarded will be made in February, with recipients notified by March 1. Funds will be available by April 1.

Upon completion of the project, the grant recipient must report to TTA as to the results of the project as well as how the funds were spent. (Photos, slides or news clippings are an excellent way to show project results.)

TTA looks forward to being supportive of all hiking and environmental groups throughout the state as they make it possible for future generations of Tennesseans to enjoy our great state's natural resources.

Tennessee Trails Association
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Nashville Tennessee, 37204



Tennessee Trails Association -- Evan Means Small Grants Program -- Application Form

Project Name: _____

Applicant Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Brief description of your organization and its history:

Project Description:

Will other groups be involved in this project with you? If so, please list those groups and describe their planned participation.

Please attach budget information for the total project. Include materials and equipment expenses, training expenses, program costs, etc.

Amount requested: \$ _____

Will funds or donations be required from sources other than this grant program and your own group? If so, please list those sources and the funding levels they have committed or are being asked to commit.

Describe the financial support, in-kind donations, and volunteer resources that will be provided to this project by your group.

Attach letters of support from any supporting partners and involved landowners. Also attach proof of 501(c)3 status if your group is not a chapter or associate organization of Tennessee Trails Association.

Attach a one-page summary of this project, detailing the trail involved, and how its construction or improvement will benefit the people of Tennessee and the states system of hiking trails.

To apply, mail this information and other supporting documents you wish to include to:

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If you have questions regarding these grants, please call Leigh Jones at 931-277-3228 or email at cejones@crossville.com