

**Evan Means Small Grants Program** this natural beauty.

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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 are in memory of the late Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of The Cumberland Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means won countless awards for his work through the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, and was dedicated to projects that allowed hikers to enjoy

Any volunteer based non-profit organization working alone or working through public agencies will be considered for funding. Any project that 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 – Evan Means Small Grants Program  
Application Form**

**Please use this form to fill out the grant application, or copy and paste the different sections into another Word document and save the completed application as a PDF if submitting electronically. Deadline to apply: December 31 of each year!**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For grant reviewer use

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received

Applicant Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**State amount requested from the Evan Means Small Grants Program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**BRIEF description of your organization and history:**

**Project Description in detail:** Use a separate sheet of paper to explain how and why this project will benefit the people of Tennessee and the state system of hiking trails.

**Will other groups be involved in this project with you?** Please list their involvement and actions:

**List any other funding sources and amounts to be used to complete this project:**

Please attach any drawings of bridges, signs, etc. that are being built. Who drew up these plans?

Please attach (as separate sheet) a copy of the total project budget, include a detailed materials list showing costs.

Attach letters of support from any partners and/or government agencies.

Also attach proof of the IRS 501(c)(3) status if your group is NOT a chapter or associate organization of the Tennessee Trails Association.

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

Evan Means Small Grants Program  
Tennessee Trails Association  
P.O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204

If you have questions about this grant program, please call Bob Richards at 615-210-1932, or email grants@tennesseetrails.org.