

# Evan Means Grant Program

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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.

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

These grants are named in honor of 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 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 a 12 month period after the grant is awarded. Grants will normally be for less than \$1,000, although larger grants will be considered.

Grant Applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the TTA Board of directors, normally held in February, May, August, and at the Annual Membership Meeting. Recipients will be notified shortly after the board meeting of the Board's decision. Requests not accepted because of budget constraints will be held for reconsideration the next quarter, if the submitter so wishes. Applications rejected on merits may be revised and resubmitted at a subsequent cycle.

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 state's great natural resources.



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# **EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM --- FUNDING REQUEST**

Grant Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Address:

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

When is the project expected to begin?

When is the project expected to be completed?

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

Grant submitter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_