Youth River Education and Recreation Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1). Does this project have to be associated with a NPS site/program: No it does not.

2). If we are not able to implement a program in 2020 because of COVID, should we still plan to apply?: Yes, as long as you can do as much as you can in 2020-purchasing equipment, entering into partnership agreements, building a curriculum, etc, you should apply! We hope to have additional funding in 2021 but COVID may certainly impact that as well.

3). If we cannot do “on-water” programming due to COVID, are there alternatives?: Yes! We purposefully left out a definition of on-water because we understood that organizations would need all of the flexibility we can offer given the current circumstances. As long as it is water related and you can make the argument that participants will gain the same knowledge whether they are in person or participating virtually, I would encourage you to apply.

4). We want to use this funding for an existing program, is that ok? Yes! These dollars we have available to grant out are on the smaller side and given current circumstances, we understand the need to fund existing programs! Just make sure your existing programs will allow you to meet the criteria.

5). Underserved in my area is more rural than urban, is that ok? Yes. Just as if it were an urban location, please explain how this project will help serve the community, build partnerships, and provide experiences for youth and young adults.

6). The project we are looking to do would serve both adults, youth, families, etc. Does it have to only serve youth to apply? Nope, families, youth and young adults are all welcome!

7). Does my organization have to be a member of River Network to apply? No you do not.

8). When do you plan to make the grants announcement? Our hope is to make an announcement the first week in July if not before but timing is dependent on the National Park Service.

9). Are there limits on indirect costs or salaries? Not currently but applicants are asked to complete the budget worksheet along with their application.