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No Child Left Inside Grant Program 2026 - MINI Grant Application



Instructions:

- Read the [Request for Proposals](#) before submitting this application.
- Do not complete your application in a browser window. Download the form and save it to your computer.
- Electronic signatures are required. Use [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) (free) to complete your application. Other PDF software may not accurately save your information.
- Do not submit any additional information or attachments. Unrequested materials will not be reviewed.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Time, on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Submit as PDF attachment to: outreachgrants.dnr@state.mn.us, with subject line "NCLI 2026 Grant Application"

APPLICANT

Organization name _____

(If applicable) ISD # _____ or Charter school authorizer _____

(If applicable) Non-profit EIN # _____

Organization address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Contact name _____ Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ORGANIZATION TYPE - Select one (If none apply, your organization is not eligible to apply for this grant.)

Nonprofit organization Public/Charter school Tribal Nation or school Government, other public entity

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED - \$500 minimum - \$5,000 maximum \$ _____

Match amount, including in-kind (Percentage as compared to state grant funds requested)

1-24% 25-49% 50-74% 75-99% 100%+

TARGET AUDIENCE - Who are the youth that would be served by this grant?

Educational institution, nonprofit organization, or community group where participants are based

Name (school, center, etc.) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

How many estimated youth will be reached by this program?

Pre-K _____ 1 – 4th grade _____ 5 - 8th grade _____ 9 - 12th grade _____

TARGET AUDIENCE - Continued

Participants meet one of the following limited opportunity criteria. (See pg. 7 of Request for Proposals for instructions.)

Attend schools with a reportable free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) percentage of at least 40% during the 2024-2025 school year.

Percentage of youth who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch _____ %

School(s)/District _____

Reside in areas with a childhood poverty percentage above the Minnesota average of 10.6%.

Percentage of children under 18 below the poverty level _____ %

Area _____ County _____ Township _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Do not meet either criteria for underserved audiences.

PARTNERSHIPS

Please list any partner organizations or groups you may work with on this project.

Outdoor location where project will be delivered or implemented (park, nature center, lake, outdoor venue, etc.)

_____ Nearest City: _____

PROJECT ACTIVITIES & MATERIALS

Natural resource education or outdoor recreation supported by this project: (Check all that apply.)

Education classes that are held outdoors in natural spaces

Training of teachers, facilitators or volunteers to deliver environmental or outdoor education

Safety training for firearms, boat, water, ATV, snowmobile

Programs at state parks or trails

Programs at other public parks, trails or nature centers

Minnesota School Forest educational programming and training

Outdoor recreation activities with an educational, health or wellness component

Shooting sports including trap, skeet, archery

Hunting or Trapping

Angling (Fishing)

Paddle sports

Cross-country (Nordic) skiing or Snowshoeing

Biking or Hiking at state and local parks or trails

Camping at parks or wilderness areas

Snowmobiling or ATV riding on trails

Schools courses and clubs

Mentoring programs

Other _____

Funding will be used for the following activities or materials: (Check all that apply.)

Staff time for development and delivery of project

Transportation costs to eligible locations

Program fees such as admission, tours, facility fees or equipment rental

Content experts or Consultants including hired speakers

Teacher prep time or substitute teacher stipends for curriculum integration or professional development

Curricula to lead outdoor or nature-based investigations

Classroom set of EOE equipment such as binoculars, cameras, GPS units, compasses or other outdoor instructional tools

Outdoor recreation equipment such as snowshoes, cross-country skis, kayaks, canoes, paddles, bicycles, camping gear or clothing

Fishing equipment

Hunting or Trapping equipment

(Firearms and ammunition are NOT eligible)

National Archery in the Schools (NASP)

Safety equipment

Accessibility equipment

Other _____

PROJECT TITLE _____

Project start date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Project end date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
must be after May 15, 2026 *must be before June 30, 2027*

PROJECT SUMMARY - Describe your project and the expected outcomes. *(Use only the space provided.)*

PROJECT BUDGET

Enter your project costs in each category below. If awarded a grant, **this budget will be incorporated into your grant contract agreement**. Applicants must commit some matching funds or in-kind resources. There is no minimum required.

Item	Description	State grant funds	Matching amount (provided by applicant)
Transportation		\$	\$
Program fees		\$	\$
Teacher/Sub stipends		\$	\$
Curricula and materials		\$	\$
Equipment		\$	\$
Speakers/Consultants		\$	\$
Grand Totals		\$	\$

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *(Check each box as confirmation and add your electronic signature.)*

In submitting this application, you are making a request to be considered for grant funds administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR is committed to upholding civil rights and ensuring equal access to programs, services, and information. Better understanding of customer demographics helps us develop targeted strategies for improving our services. You are required to provide this information to be considered for grant funds. Supplying this data, which [includes both public and private data](#), gives consent to having the public data made available. Public data includes organization name, location, project title, and amount requested. Private data, including organizational tax information, is required for project administration and will not be published. In accordance with [Minnesota Statute 13.356](#), personal email addresses and phone numbers are private data. Refusal to supply this data, both public and private, removes your eligibility to receive grant funds. DNR and Minnesota Information and Technology staff with a specific job function directly related to administering this program will have access to your specific data. Finally, the DNR provides data to parties when specifically required by court order, and as otherwise provided by law. The public data you provide can be released by the agency in response to a Data Practices Request.

I have reviewed the complete Request for Proposals on the [No Child Left Inside website](#) and affirm that my organization meets insurance and eligibility requirements, will address potential conflicts of interest, and can enter into a grant contract agreement.

My organization is aware of this application, and I have received board or administration approval to submit.

I certify I have read the application and will comply with the approved application and assurances herein and additional state, local, federal regulations and policies that apply to my organization.

SIGNED: