



Wilderness Equity Initiative: Small Trip and Project Grants

2024 Project and Trip Grants

Application due dates: December 1, 2023 for January 2024 grant award (recipients will be notified prior to Boundary Waters permit opening), and May 1 for June award

Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness and Save the Boundary Waters are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice as we work to protect this unique Wilderness for generations to come. This grant program is one small outcome of our commitment, and we look forward to building meaningful partnerships with individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. who share in this vision.

The grant per project will not exceed \$3000 unless an exception has been made.

We will consider funding projects that fit the following criteria:

- Supports people or communities that often get disenfranchised and excluded from the effort to protect the Boundary Waters due to their race, sexuality, ability, size, gender identity or expression, religion, culture, or anything else, and
- Prioritizes visiting the Boundary Waters, its wilderness-edge communities, or other outdoor spaces in northern Minnesota, fostering connections to nature, and/or advocating for protection of the Boundary Waters, and
- Creates awareness/advocacy through storytelling, media, events, developing new leaders, or other creative ideas - through your own channels and working together with Save the Boundary Waters

We regularly receive more applications than we are able to fund. We give priority to projects that are new or may not otherwise be possible without this funding.

Please send a brief application that covers the following questions. Short answers are fine.

1. Who/what is the project partner group, individual, or entity?
2. Who are the people served or what community/communities do you serve or represent?
3. Briefly describe the proposed project or trip plan.
4. Briefly explain how you will plan and carry out the logistics of your project or trip whether on your own or if there is any assistance that we could help provide.
5. What is the project/trip timeline?
6. Describe how this project/trip relates or contributes to Boundary Waters advocacy?
7. How will your group and participants share stories/advocacy messages before, during, and/or after the project such as media, blogs, photos, events, encourage others to visit the wilderness & get involved, etc.?
8. What is the expected cost of the project? (Include how much this grant would cover if not 100% and where other funds would come from.)
9. What kind of expenses are included in your budget? (i.e. travel, equipment, outfitting, advertising, events, production, fees, etc.)

***Though not required, you may include any links or supplemental materials via email with your application.*

**Please reach out with questions, and send your grant application in PDF form to Lucy Trotter:
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