# 2026 NH Volunteer Engagement Mini-Grant (Round III)
# Application Preview

***IMPORTANT:*** *These questions are for your information only.*
*All applications* ***must be submitted*** *through the VNH online application system:*
*https://volunteernh.smapply.io/*

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Please do not include links to webpages; the only content that will be reviewed is what you include in this application.

1. Is your organization using a fiscal sponsor/agent?

2. (If Yes) Your Organization Legal Name:

3. (If Yes) I certify that the fiscal sponsor/agent organization (whose information is given below) is aware that my organization is applying for this grant and is willing to accept the funds, should we be successful

4. Legal Applicant Organization Name

5. Organization type (Organization type must be one of the following to be eligible to submit an application.)
   - 501C3 Nonprofit
   - State/Local Government Agency
   - Educational Institution

6. Organization's SAM.gov Universal Entity Identifier (UEI):
   *The applicant must have a valid UEI assigned by the time of application submission.*

7. EIN

8. Organization's physical address

9. Organization's mailing address (if different)?

10. Primary Contact Name:

11. Primary Contact Phone:

12. Primary Contact Email:

13. Authorized Representative Name
    *The Authorized Representative must be the person authorized to accept funds on behalf of your organization. This is typically the Executive Director (or similar position) but please follow your organization's policies and procedures.*

14. Authorized Representative Title

15. Authorized Representative Email

16. **Previous Funding Limitation:** Does your organization currently have a NH Volunteer Engagement Project Grant or has your organization already received a FY26 Mini-Grant? *(Please note that answering yes renders your organization ineligible to apply)*
    - Yes
    - No

17. Briefly describe your organization's mission and main activities. This information should include:
    a. Organization Mission statement
    b. Area(s) where the organization operates
    c. Who/what the organization serves

18. Briefly describe how your organization **currently uses volunteers** to support this mission. If your organization does not currently use volunteers, please indicate this here along with your plans to utilize volunteers in the future.

19. I certify that my proposed activity does not directly or indirectly involve (or give the appearance of) prohibited activities as outlined in the 45 CFR § 2520.65.

## Overview & Goals

- Funding purpose (only 1 selection allowed):
    - **Volunteer Management Technology/Supplies**: Purchasing technology/supplies related to general volunteer management (that wouldn't fall under any of the other categories below). *Organizations cannot purchase recurring volunteer management software subscriptions with this grant or general program supplies.*
    - **Volunteer Outreach Costs**: Costs associated with outreach to recruit volunteers, including developing, producing, and distributing outreach materials and campaigns.
    - **Volunteer Training(s)**: Costs associated with training volunteers or developing volunteer trainings (orientations, specific skills, leadership, etc.) including consultant and trainer fees, manual development, material printing, technology, space rental, etc.
    - **Volunteer Manager Training**(s): Costs associated with providing additional professional development training or certifications for your Volunteer Manager. Costs could include registration/travel to a professional development conference, costs to obtain Volunteer Management classes and certifications, etc.
    - **Volunteer Program Development/Improvement**: Costs (including purchases & consultant fees) associated with performing a program evaluation, needs assessment, volunteer satisfaction survey, or piloting new strategies for utilizing volunteerism to address community needs.

- How much funding are you requesting? Must be $1,000 - $4,000. You will be required to upload a detailed budget later on in the application.

**Narrative Questions**

*Please Note: You will only respond to the narrative questions based upon your response to the funding category question above.*

*The costs outlined in your narrative **must align** with the items listed in your budget.*

**Volunteer Management Technology/Supplies**

- Please outline what volunteer management technology/supplies you are proposing to purchase and what it will be used for.

- Please explain why this technology/supply purchase is necessary for your volunteer program.

- How would the purchase and use of this volunteer technology/supply item(s) improve your organization's capacity to manage volunteers in both the short and long term?

- Volunteer NH expects that applicants will request **only** what they reasonably expect to spend within the grant period. Please explain how you determined the value of the item(s) you outlined in your budget AND how you expect to spend the full award and complete all activities within the grant period.

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**Volunteer Outreach Costs**:

- Please explain the need for volunteer outreach:
    - **What are your current volunteer outreach efforts, if any?**
    - **What activities/ programming do you want to recruit volunteers for?** (*Is it for a specific category/volunteer program, or are you looking for more volunteers in general)*?
    - **Why does your organization need more volunteers in this area?** (*Has there been a lot of turnover, is this a new activity you've never used volunteers before, is there increased need for programming so more volunteers are needed, etc.?*)

- Please explain **how** you will conduct the volunteer outreach, and **why** you expect this strategy will be successful.
    - **What types of activities will you do to recruit more volunteers?** (e.g. social media posts, physical signs, volunteer fairs, hiring an outreach consultant, videos, physical mailings, paper advertisements etc.)
    - **Why do you think the activities you chose will be most successful?** (e.g. why would social media posts be more effective than physical mailings? etc.)
    - **Can the proposed activities/purchases be used to continue to recruit volunteers beyond the grant period?**

- How would this project improve your organization's capacity to recruit volunteers in both the short and long term?

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**Volunteer Training(s)**:

- Describe your proposed volunteer training project.
    - Are you developing internal trainings and/or training materials? Do you want your volunteers to attend a certain training given by an outside consultant/organization?
    - Which volunteers would this training project affect? (*i.e. is this project for all volunteers in your organization or volunteers in a specific program?*)

- Please explain **why** the volunteer training(s) are needed for your organization. Please note that you may not request funds for training(s) that your organization already provides to volunteers. The developed/hosted training must be new or expanded to more volunteers. (*e.g. is it for an area of programming that volunteers need additional help in, does your organization need more virtual training options, has this been identified as a need by your volunteers, etc.?)*

- How would this project improve your organization's capacity to train and/or retain volunteers in both the short and long term?

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**Volunteer Manager Training(s)**:

- Please explain **what** training(s) you'd like your volunteer manager(s) to attend. (It should be clear that Volunteer Manager has not undergone these types of trainings before.)

- Please explain **why** the volunteer manager training(s) are needed. (*e.g. is it for an area of professional development the VM doesn't have, does your VM have new responsibilities, has this been identified as a need, etc.?)*

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**Volunteer Program Development/Improvement**:

- Please **describe the volunteer program** that you'd like to develop/improve/assess and **why** this is necessary for your organization at this time. (*e.g. is this an already-existent program you'd like to assess; does your organization want to create volunteer programming in a new area; are you looking to pilot a new way of volunteering?)*

- Please explain **how** you are proposing to develop/improve/assess this program and **why** you believe this strategy will be successful (*e.g. are you hiring a consultant, does the timeline you propose to operate within make sense, etc.*)

- How would developing/assessing/improving your volunteer program improve your organization's capacity to recruit, retain, train, and/or manage volunteers in both the short and long term?

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## Demographics

*(If your organization is using a fiscal agent/sponsor, please answer the following questions based on YOUR organization's information (not the fiscal sponsor's)*

1. For the current fiscal year, what is your revenue budget?
    a. Less than $25,000
    b. $25,000 – $75,000
    c. $75,001 - $150,000
    d. $150,001 - $250,000
    e. $250,001 - $500,000
    f. $500,001 - $750,000
    g. $750,001 - $1,000,000
    h. More than $1,000,000

2. How many paid staff does your organization employ?
    - No paid staff
    - 1-5
    - 6-10

- 11-20
- 21-50
- 51+

3. How many years has your organization been in existence?

4. What county(s) does your organization serve (choose all that apply)?
    - We operate statewide
    - Belknap
    - Carroll
    - Coos
    - Cheshire
    - Grafton
    - Hillsborough
    - Merrimack
    - Rockingham
    - Strafford
    - Sullivan

5. Has your organization received federal funding in the last five years?

6. Has your organization received any of the following grants from Volunteer NH?
    - No, we have never received a grant from Volunteer NH
    - AmeriCorps Planning Grant
    - AmeriCorps Operational/Program Grant
    - Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Mini-Grant
    - Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Cohort Grant
    - NH Volunteer Engagement Mini-Grant
    - I don't know/Other

## Other Information

7. On average, how many volunteers does your organization engage annually?

8. Please select all that apply to your organization:
    - We REGULARLY accept groups of 5+ volunteers to complete short-term projects together
    - We SOMETIMES accept volunteer groups of 5+ volunteers - but only for special occasions
    - We generally ONLY have volunteer opportunities for individual volunteers

9. Does your organization have a minimum age requirement for volunteers?

- No, we accept volunteers of all ages. (Choose this even if some positions have an age restriction)
- Yes, we have an age restriction for our volunteer positions.
    - If yes, please enter the minimum age:

10. Does your organization post its volunteer opportunities on Volunteer NH's free online platform, Get Connected?
    *You can view it here: https://volunteernh.galaxydigital.com/need*
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don't know

11. If "No", why not?

12. How did you hear about this funding opportunity?
    - Volunteer NH e-newsletter
    - Volunteer NH social media post
    - Volunteer NH website
    - NH Volunteer Engagement Network Basecamp Post
    - Other: Please Describe

13. Would you like to be added to our e-newsletter list?
    We typically send information monthly about funding opportunities, events, and other important updates.

    If others should be added to the list, they can subscribe at any time here: https://volunteernh.org/subscribe/
    - Yes, please add me to your e-newsletter list
    - I believe I am already subscribed
    - No, thank you.

14. Would you like more information about nominating a volunteer, group of volunteers, volunteer program, and/or organization that promotes volunteerism for the **2026 Spirit of NH Awards**?
    - Yes
    - I already know about the Spirit of NH Awards
    - No

## Final Certification

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT! Please review your work to ensure the following:

**Your uploaded budget reflects only ONE of the allowable categories.** Do not include a budget that has one from multiple categories (e.g. your budget includes outreach costs, such as boosted social media posts, AND costs to train recruited volunteers. Including both may render your application ineligible for funding).

**Your uploaded budget does not include any unallowable costs.** Unallowable costs include staff time, volunteer stipends, volunteer background checks (unless in VERY specific circumstances), general programming costs, and costs associated with prohibited activities, (such as partisan political activities). Review the Notice for specific ineligible costs.

The total funding request from Volunteer NH on your budget **matches the total funds requested** on your application.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is **true, complete, and accurate**. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.

I further certify that the applicant organization itself and staff members with a management role within the applicant organization **have not been suspended or debarred** from doing business with the federal government.