



**NH Recreation & Park Association**  
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## **NHRPA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD**

### **BACKGROUND:**

This grant was established in 1993 to encourage and demonstrate support to those who wish to expand their professional development through local, regional or national conferences, or through other means of professional development training.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA:**

- Applicant must be a member of NHRPA a minimum of 6 months prior to the application submission date.
- Grant money must be used for professional development purposes only.
- Successful applicant must prepare a short summary of how the money will be used.
- Upon completion for the professional development, the applicant must submit a short narrative of his/her experience at the program/class/training seminar within one year of receipt. (This will be published in the NHRPA newsletter)

### **SUBMISSION:**

- Required:
  - Description of professional development program for which the grant will be used.
  - What professional development needs will be met by attending the program (e.g. administration, programming, maintenance, etc.).
  - List the professional development programs you have attended in the last two years.
  - List the current level of funding your department provides for staff training and development.
  - Please attach a letter of support from the nominee's direct work supervisor. Ensure the letter of support states the supervisor attests to the validity of the application as presented.
- Recommended:
  - Description of professional development class/training/program flyer/informational brochure.
  - Other reasons or back up material for nomination.

### **SELECTION:**

The New Hampshire Recreation and Parks Association Awards Committee will evaluate and make decisions on nominations. Only information that is submitted in the application will be considered. Selection will be based on a complete and professional application; the merits of the information presented and whether the candidate or program is the most deserving nominee.

### **AWARD:**

The Awards Committee will present a plaque at the annual NHRPA Awards Banquet to the recipient who best exemplifies the criteria of the award.

**DEADLINE:**

Applications must be submitted to Krystal Alpers [kalpers@franklinnh.org](mailto:kalpers@franklinnh.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>.