**March 1, 2021**

RE: Endless Mountains Heritage Region Mini Grant Application

Dear Mini Grant Applicants,

 Welcome to the EMHR’s 2021 Mini Grant application submission process!

 The Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc. (EMHR) is once again offering its Partnership/Mini-Grants Program to organizations and municipalities within our four counties! Complete the application that has been included along with any other relevant documents needed and return to the EMHR office by **April 23, 2021 at 4 p.m**. The Mini Grant application has been revised so please pay close attention to the details.

1. The organization must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit, municipality or public education institution within our four-county region (Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming).
2. The organization must be an EMHR member.
3. The contract agreement begins **June 1, 2021**. Projects must be complete by **Aug. 31, 2022**. Extensions are available to grantees, if necessary.
4. Grant requests must range between **$1,000** and **$10,000** (all grants require a full 100-percent monetary or in-kind match from the applicant).
5. The organization and proposed project must be located within the counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna or Wyoming.
6. The EMHR is seeking to fund various projects pertaining to historic preservation, outdoor recreation development, special purpose studies, public engagement and educational programming, environmental conservation, and building rehabilitation projects.
7. The project must further the mission and goals of the EMHR.

Mission:

“To maintain and enhance the unique rural character and culture of our Endless Mountains.”
Goals:

🡪 Attract visitors to the Region’s communities, heritage sites, outdoor recreation opportunities, and downtowns to strengthen the local economy.

🡪 Engage residents and visitors with the Region’s culture and heritage through educational programming, events and tourism promotion.

🡪 Protect and enhance our heritage assets, cultural landscapes, and natural features where the Heritage Region’s stories can be told.

🡪 Offer a wide range of heritage and outdoor recreation destinations and activities for all ages and abilities.

🡪 Preserve and promote agricultural growth and deliver authentic experiences of “Living with the Land” in the Endless Mountains.

1. Mini grants are not permitted to be used to fulfill match requirements for other DCNR funded projects.

Next step: Once all applications have been received, the EMHR’s Grant Review Committee will evaluate and rank each application accordingly. At that time, projects will be selected for funding and each organization will be notified by phone and email or letter no later than **May 24, 2021**.

Tentative announcement date is **May 27, 2021**.

*EMHR’s mini-grant program is made possible by Environmental Stewardship Fund (ESF)*

*monies allocated through the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) of the*

*Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).*

Please feel free to call the EMHR at (570) 265-1528 with any questions.

Best of luck!

Vanessa Billings-Seiler

Administrative Assistant

Endless Mountains Heritage Region