

Grant Applications Due: Thursday, January 26, 2023 by 11:59 PM ET

The National Park Foundation (NPF) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from ALL National Park Service units and affiliated units officially administered by the National Park Service to participate in the 2023 Junior Ranger Angler Grant Program.

Junior Ranger Angler (JRA):

The [Junior Ranger Angler](#) program, where anyone young at heart can earn their Junior Ranger Angler badge, inspires young people to catch their first fish and encourages families to enjoy the vast recreational opportunities of the national park system. Today, nearly 200 parks—both urban and rural—allow recreational fishing in some capacity, presenting a great opportunity to educate and engage the next generation of park stewards.

This grant opportunity specifically supports connecting children and families in their local communities with fishing activities in their national parks. Funds can be used to support programs that encourage and engage a wide variety of audiences with recreational fishing such as fishing clinics, gear libraries, community engagement programs, fishing focused Junior Ranger Day activities, and more.

This RFP is open to all units and programs of the National Park Service as well as partner organizations. Indigenous groups and organizations led by people of color are especially encouraged to apply.

Optional Informational Calls: Two optional informational calls to discuss this RFP and the proposal process are scheduled for December 13, 2022, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time, and December 14, 2022, at 4 p.m. Eastern Time. **A link to the video calls can be accessed below.** All parties interested in submitting a proposal are welcome to attend either call, but it is not required that you join a call to submit a proposal. If you cannot participate via computer, please email Susan Dorsey (sdorsey@nationalparks.org) to request a call-in phone number.

December 13, 2022, Zoom Link:

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December 14, 2022, Zoom Link

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Contact Us: Alternatively, you can contact the NPF and NPS program staff listed below with any questions about your proposal idea or how to submit your proposal, especially if you have never applied for an NPF grant.

NPF Contact: Tracey Ritchie, Vice President-Education & Engagement, tritchie@nationalparks.org

NPS Contact: Clay Hanna, Program Manager-Interpretation & Engagement WASO, clay_hanna@nps.gov

Deadline: Applications are due no later than Thursday, January 26, 2023 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Award Amount: Applicants may request up to \$20,000.

Notification: Applicants will be notified of award selections by March 2023.

Selection Process: All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service.

RFP Contents:

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A. Program Overview

The Junior Ranger Angler program connects young people and their families to the many fishing opportunities available in national parks. Through the program, fishing helps young people foster a connection to healthy living, environmental conservation, community networks, and multigeneration, extended-family relationships. Whether surf fishing at Cape Lookout National Seashore, fly fishing at Grand Teton National Park, or fishing by kayak at Isle Royale National Park, there are no shortage of fishing experiences across the country!

All applications should include recreational fishing with children and their families as the primary purpose of their request but can include other programmatic elements (i.e. community engagement, internships, cultural connections, ecology or climate change education, mentoring, veteran or military family engagement, etc.). National Park Service applicants should also incorporate the use of the [Junior Ranger Let's Go Fishing!](#) Activity Booklet and badge in their programming. Programs that address representation and access are encouraged, for example:

- Lack of representation of historically excluded communities among visitors to public lands, among public land staff and volunteers, and as pictured in marketing materials.
- Lack of accessibility across four main themes summarized below:
 - Lack of accessibility to equipment, transportation, and/or guides for more immersive or advanced recreational experiences;
 - Lack of accessibility to information regarding barriers found in facilities and along trails that prevent visitors with mobility challenges from participation. For visitors who may require accommodations, pre-trip planning is an important aspect to ensure a robust in-park experience;
 - Lack of physical accessibility to facilities and trails and a deeper understanding of the spectrum of accommodations needed – from paths that support wheelchair access to scenic vistas to benches to support those who require regular stops for rest while hiking;

- Lack of accessibility within interpretation. For example, using “we” statements to describe settler experiences in the West when settlers were predominantly from one homogenous background.

B. Final Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to complete a final report at the conclusion of their grant-funded activities. In the event completing a final report is burdensome, grantees will be required to communicate with NPF program staff to discuss the success and challenges of the program. At a minimum, all grantees will be asked to share the following:

- Number of participants engaged with programming
- Number of engagement opportunities
- A description of the activities conducted with grant funding
- Examples of successes (as defined by the grantee)
- Examples of challenges (as defined by the grantee)
- Quotes from participants
- Photos of programming or examples of products

C. Grantee Requirements

1. Projects should support recreational fishing activities with young people in national parks.
2. Grantees will be required to execute project activities between April 1, 2023, and April 1, 2024. A high-level timeline will be requested as part of the grant application.
3. Grantees will be required to report back on the questions in Section B and provide photos, where possible and appropriate participant permissions are secured.
4. In consultation between NPF program staff and individual grantees, grantees may be asked to include donor recognition language where appropriate.

D. Scoring Criteria

RECREATIONAL FISHING FOCUS (1-5 Points):

- Project encourages audiences who have historically been excluded from participation in the outdoors to enjoy recreational fishing opportunities in a national park unit
- Activities empower participants to experience the mental/physical benefits of the outdoors
- Project engages families (multi/inter-generational) in outdoor recreation fishing
- Project elevates the use of the Let’s Go Fishing Junior Ranger Angler Booklet

INCLUSION / AUDIENCE (1-5 Points):

- Project addresses representation and supports a broad and inclusive narrative that everyone belongs in the outdoors
- Project fosters social connections among individuals with shared identities
- Project demonstrates commitment to engaging youth from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities
- Project clearly identifies a plan to measure success and capture data for final reporting as defined in the request for proposal

- Project addresses barriers and challenges to participation, especially for communities historically underrepresented on public lands

PROGRAM COMPONENTS (1-5 Points):

- Project demonstrates high likelihood of success, as indicated by the following: sufficient staffing capacity, existing partnerships (the strength of which is demonstrated in their letter(s) of support), and connections to the program’s targeted communities.
- Project incorporates programmatic elements, such as community engagement, internships, cultural connections, ecology or climate change education, mentoring, and/or veteran or military family engagement
- Project supports fishing clinics, gear libraries, community engagement or education programs, and/or other fishing activities at a national park unit
- Project clearly identifies a plan to measure success and capture data for final reporting as defined in the request for proposal

BUDGET (1-5 Points):

- Project includes a budget which clearly, accurately, and appropriately reflects the needs of the project with clear identified expense categories and realistic cost estimates
- Budget aligns with the proposed activities
- Project describes an effective use of limited JRA funding
- Project makes use of existing resources, staff, or partnerships to leverage limited time and funds

NON-PROFIT APPLICANT (Screen out- Yes or No):

- Applicant has an existing relationship with NPS or indicates a desire to work with NPS

E. Program Timeline

December 2022: RFP opens to national parks and partner organizations

December 13, 2022, and December 14, 2022: Information calls with NPF program staff

January 26, 2023: RFP submission closes

March 2023: Selected parks and partner organizations notified of final decisions

April 1-April 1, 2024: Grant awards processed, Program implementation

April 1, 2024: Final report due or conference call scheduled to discuss program impact

F. Proposal Instructions

1. Read the RFP

Please read this RFP carefully and then use the online application process to submit.

2. **Optional:** Two optional informational calls to discuss this RFP and the proposal process are tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2022, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time, and December 14, 2022, at 4p.m. Eastern Time. **A link to the video calls can be found below.** All parties interested in submitting a proposal are welcome to attend either call, but it is not required that you join a call to submit a proposal. If you cannot participate via computer, please email Susan Dorsey (sdorsey@nationalparks.org) to request a call-in phone number.

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- a. **Fluxx Registration & Online Application Tips:** If you already have a Fluxx account, you can start an application by logging into the NPF grantee portal at <https://nationalparks.fluxx.io/> with your existing Fluxx username and password.
- b. If you do not have a Fluxx account, please visit <https://nationalparks.fluxx.io/> and click on “Create an Account Now” to fill out the registration form.
- c. **Please Note:** New Fluxx registration requires 2-3 days for approval prior to accessing the application. Returning Fluxx users, please verify access to your account 2-3 days before submitting an application. NPF can help troubleshoot technical issues but cannot guarantee success if you wait until the RFP closing date.
- d. New Fluxx users will receive an email and link to set up a password. The registration email will come from Do-notreply.grants07-us-east-1@fluxx.io. (Please check your junk or spam folder.)
- e. To start an application, log into the grantee portal, navigate to the left-hand menu, and click on “Apply for Funding”. On this page, select “**Junior Ranger Angler Application**”.
 - i. **Reminder:** Fluxx **does not** automatically save. **Click the “Save” button frequently** to ensure that no information is lost. You may save your application to continue working on it later. We recommend you complete your application in Word first to ensure you don’t lose any information.
- f. “Primary Contact” & “Primary Signatory”: Please select the correct person based on the following descriptions. If you do not see the correct person’s name, reach out to applications@nationalparks.org and provide their name, email address, and title to have them added to the system.
 - i. Primary Contact will receive automated emails and reminders from the system. All reports will be added to this individual’s account, and NPF staff may reach out to them directly as needed.

- ii. Primary Signatory will receive any potential grant agreements or documents that may need a signature.

g. For assistance using Fluxx, please contact applications@nationalparks.org.

G. Application Template

See following pages

WORD VERSION OF JUNIOR RANGER ANGLER APPLICATION

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FOR NPS APPLICANTS ONLY

NPS Site Name: _____

Superintendent Full Name: _____

Superintendent Email: _____

NPS Project Lead First Name: _____

NPS Project Lead Last Name: _____

NPS Project Lead Phone Number: _____

NPS Project Lead Email: _____

IF APPLICABLE

Partner Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Executive Director Full Name: _____

Executive Director Email: _____

Partner Organization Lead First Name: _____

Partner Organization Lead Last Name: _____

Partner Organization Lead Phone Number: _____

Partner Organization Lead Email: _____

APPLICATION STATEMENTS: Read and answer each question below.

1. Program Title

Program title should be concise and capture the essence of the initiative.

2. Program Abstract

Please provide a one-paragraph overview that concisely explains the program.

3. Recreation Activity/Program Description

Describe how you will use your grant funds? Be sure to include what recreational fishing activity or activities will you engage your community in. Please also mention if you will include other programmatic aspects (i.e. Youth Employment, Healing, Stewardship, Community Engagement, etc.)?

4. Participant Description

Describe the community/communities you seek to engage or support in your proposed program? How is your proposal rooted in the community you seek to engage?

5. Program Timeline

Do you have an estimated timeline of when activities or key events will occur? You can give a range of months or dates as best you know them at this time.

6. Other Program Partner(s)

Are there any other partner organizations who will participate in the program? If so, briefly describe their role.

7. Other

What else do you wish to tell us about your program if anything?

8. Budget

Amount Requested

Please identify the total amount requested from NPF. The maximum amount is \$20,000, but you are not required to request the full amount.

9. Program Start and End Dates

Please enter expected program start and end date.

Project Budget

Please provide a budget for your proposed grant activities. You can attach an Excel or Word document in the attachments section. A simple template is provided below (Note: this is meant to be an example template and you do not need to fill in all categories or be restricted to these categories).

Expense Line Items	Brief Description of Expense	Amount requested from NPF Grant (\$)	Amount supported through other funds (if any)
Staff			
Supplies and Equipment			
Youth or Elder Stipends			
Transportation			
Evaluation			
Overhead/Indirect Costs			
TOTAL BUDGET			

10. Letter of Support

All applicants must submit a letter of support from a National Park Superintendent. NPF can offer support in connecting partners to parks if assistance is needed.