

St. Louis Chapter NRHS Endowment Fund Grant Application

The St Louis Chapter National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) has established an endowment to provide funding for projects and events related to rail heritage, education, and preservation. Our grant program is geared towards smaller projects which can be completed within two years, or for a smaller portion of a larger project that will be completed within that time. Consideration of grant requests are made by the Executive Committee of the St. Louis Chapter during the months of April and October. Requests must be received prior to March 31 or September 30 to be considered. Awards are made in April and October. Grant recipients must wait one year before applying for another grant.

The application project must support rail history. Types of projects that will be considered: Railroad equipment & structure restorations, supplies for archival preservation, historic markers and signage, equipment and technology,

Special consideration for funding will be given to projects that relate to:

- Local St. Louis area rail history
- Historic rail equipment/structures/archives located within 200 miles of St. Louis
- Applications sponsored by a Chapter Member in good standing of St. Louis Chapter NRHS
 - o Chapter member must include a letter explaining their support for the project

Funding will NOT be given to:

- For Profit Corporations
- Projects that do not relate to rail history
- Model railroads, small scale railroads, amusement rides
- Projects considered routine maintenance.
- Projects that do not promote the original historic structure/artifact (example – landscaping at a historic depot)
- Any project that does not supply an adequate budget and source of additional funds needed to complete the project

Please make sure all questions are answered. If requesting funds for a restoration, please include photos of the object. Feel free to attach any additional photos, documents, or graphs that relate to the project you seek funding.

Requests may be made up to \$5,000 (note: St. Louis NRHS reserves the right to partially fund any request)

St. Louis Chapter NRHS will expect a project status update within one year of receiving funds and when the project is completed. The status update can be in the form of an article for our newsletter: *The Gateway Railletter*, or can be given as a presentation at a monthly Chapter meeting.

Application must be filled out completely, and typed. Handwritten responses and incomplete forms will not be considered.

Please submit completed application form to:

Email: send a PDF copy to: grants@stlouisnrhs.org

USPS Mail: St. Louis Chapter NRHS; PO Box 220168; Kirkwood, MO 63122-0168

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1) Contact Information:

Organization requesting funds: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Website _____

2) Are you a 501(c)3 Non Profit: Yes / No -
– Tax exempt ID (EIN#) _____

3) Amount of funds being requested (limit \$5,000) _____

4) What is the mission of your organization?

5) Provide an explanation of your need for funding, including the historic significance of the project.

6) If request is for restoration of an object or structure, state the ownership of the object/structure. If the object/property is owned by another entity, include a letter of understanding from the other organization giving permission to request funds, and a copy of any arrangements between the organizations.

7) Explain how these funds would be specifically used for your project:

8) Attach a budget for your project, include funds you have received to date for the project and where additional funds will come from. Please include bids & quotes for professional work to be performed.

9) What is the project timeline& expected completion? (Projects that will be completed within two years are preferred)

10) How will the St. Louis Chapter be recognized for supporting your project?

11) Where should the payment be sent to?

12) Is your application endorsed by a member of St. Louis Chapter NRHS? Yes / No

Name of Chapter Member: _____

(Chapter member must include a letter of support explaining the significance of the project).

13) Name/Title of person filling out form:

Email: _____ phone: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

14) For Organizations we require name and signature of President/Exec. Director

Name/Title _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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