



PHOENIXVILLE  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION



POTTSTOWN AREA  
**Health & Wellness**  
FOUNDATION

*Promoting Healthy Living*

## LL Bean Outdoor Experience Mini-Grant Program

- A Mini-Grant program for public school educators in Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle Schools within the Pottstown and Phoenixville communities
- Designed to introduce outdoor experiences through field trips and programs that are specifically related to physical activity and environmental education.

### PROGRAMS THAT MAY QUALIFY FOR A GRANT INCLUDE:

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| ⇒ | <i>FIELD TRIPS</i> | ⇒ | <i>RIVER TRAIL/WATER SHED ACTIVITIES</i> |
| ⇒ | <i>HIKING</i>      | ⇒ | <i>ABORETUM ACTIVITIES</i>               |
| ⇒ | <i>BIKING</i>      | ⇒ | <i>OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES</i>         |

**TO APPLY:** Complete and sign a Mini-Grant Application. Obtain the signature of your designated administrator/school district superintendent/school board president. Attach all relevant information (as appropriate). If you have any questions, contact:

Lynn Pike Hartman, Vice President/Programs, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation  
610-917-9890 or [LPHartman@pchfl.org](mailto:LPHartman@pchfl.org). or on-line at [www.pchfl.org](http://www.pchfl.org)

*Or*

Anna Brendle, Program Officer, Pottstown Health & Wellness Foundation  
610-323-2006 x 29 or [abrendle@pottstownfoundation.org](mailto:abrendle@pottstownfoundation.org) or on-line at  
[www.PottstownFoundation.org](http://www.PottstownFoundation.org)

## LL Bean Outdoor Experience Fund Mini-Grant Program

### Background

To commemorate the opening of their new retail store in King of Prussia, LL Bean is partnering with the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation and the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation to provide a special Mini-Grant Program. LL Bean has donated \$10,000 for the fund. Through this fund LL Bean has made a commitment to engaging young people in outdoor recreation, both to inspire them to lead healthy lifestyles and to encourage them to become stewards of the outdoors.

The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation and the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation will jointly administer the fund - each receiving \$5,000 to fund mini-grants within their respective service areas. Mini-Grants, up to \$300.00, will be awarded to qualifying projects within public kindergarten, elementary and middle schools.

### Eligibility

- ⇒ Funding through this Mini-Grant program is designed as *one-time funding* for initiatives that support outdoor experiences for public school children from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ⇒ Among the initiatives that may be supported are: field trips, outdoor activities such as hiking and biking, river trail and water shed activities, arboretum activities, and outdoor winter activities such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and winter wildlife programs.
- ⇒ Mini-grants can be requested at any time. Maximum grant award is \$300.

### The following school districts/Grade K - 8 are eligible to apply:

#### Phoenixville Community Health Foundation's Eligible School Districts

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ⇒ Phoenixville Area School District | ⇒ Spring-Ford Area School District  |
| ⇒ Owen J. Roberts School District   | ⇒ Perkiomen Valley School District* |
| ⇒ Methacton School District*        | ⇒ Pottsgrove School District*       |
| ⇒ Renaissance Academy               | ⇒ Great Valley School District*     |

\*Select schools within these districts are eligible

#### Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundations Eligible School Districts

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ⇒ Pottstown School District        | ⇒ Pottsgrove School District   |
| ⇒ Owen J. Roberts School District  | ⇒ Boyertown School District    |
| ⇒ Perkiomen Valley School District | ⇒ Daniel Boone School District |
| ⇒ Spring-Ford Area School District |                                |

**LL Bean Outdoor Experience Mini-Grant Program  
GRANT REQUEST FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Making the Request Title Date

School \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day-time Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Address the following points in a narrative attachment not to exceed two pages:**

1. The purpose for which the requested funds will be used;
2. Expected outcomes of this program;
3. Cost documentation & Project budget;
4. Explain how this initiative is specifically related to physical activity AND outdoor education

*Please attach any supporting documents.*

Do you agree to provide a brief (1-2) page report on the use of the funds? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

How many children will benefit from this initiative? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will this initiative impact:

- Kindergarten students
- Elementary school students
- Middle school students

How did you learn about this grant opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date Signature of Superintendent/ Date

**Return to:**

**Phoenixville Community Health Foundation Pottstown Health & Wellness Foundation**

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Phoenixville, PA 19460

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Pottstown, PA 19464

## LL Bean Outdoor Experience Mini-Grant Program Resources

- Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area
  - Contact - Tim Fenchel & Laura Catalano
  - Email/Phone - 484-945-0200 [tfenchel@schuylkillriver.org](mailto:tfenchel@schuylkillriver.org)
  - Website - [www.schuylkillriver.org](http://www.schuylkillriver.org)
  
- Valley Forge National Historic Park
  - Contact - Amy Ruhe
  - Email/Phone - 610-783-1099
  - Website - [www.nps.gov/vafo/](http://www.nps.gov/vafo/)
  
- Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site
  - Contact - Edie Shean-Hammond
  - Email/Phone - (610) 582-8773 ext 230 [edie\\_shean-hammond@nps.gov](mailto:edie_shean-hammond@nps.gov)
  - Website - [www.nps.gov/hofu/](http://www.nps.gov/hofu/)
  
- French Creek State Park
  - Contact - Eric Brown
  - E-mail/Phone - 610-582-9680
  - Website - [frenchcreeksp@pa.gov](mailto:frenchcreeksp@pa.gov)
  
- Green Valleys Association
  - Contact - Victoria Laubach
  - Email/Phone - [Victoria@greenvalleys.com](mailto:Victoria@greenvalleys.com) 610-469-7543
  - Website - [www.greenvalleys.org](http://www.greenvalleys.org)
  
- Great Valley Nature Center
  - Contact - Lynn Elliot
  - E-mail/Phone - [gvnature@gmail.com](mailto:gvnature@gmail.com) 610-935-9777
  - Website - [www.gvnc.org](http://www.gvnc.org)
  
- French & Pickering Creek Conservation Trust
  - Contact - Karen Nocella
  - Email/Phone - [knocella@frenchandpickering.org](mailto:knocella@frenchandpickering.org) 610-933-7577
  - Website - [www.frenchandpickering.org](http://www.frenchandpickering.org)
  
- John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove
  - Contact - Jean Bochnowski
  - Email/Phone - [jbochnowski@audubon.org](mailto:jbochnowski@audubon.org) 610-666-5593
  - Website - [www.pa.audubon.org](http://www.pa.audubon.org)
  
- Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education
  - Contact - Virginia Ranly
  - E-mail/Phone - [vrarly@schuylkillcenter.org](mailto:vrarly@schuylkillcenter.org)
  - Website - [www.schuylkillcenter.org](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org)

- Montgomery County Parks and Heritage Services
  - Contact - Michelle Harris
  - E-mail/Phone - [PHS@montcopa.org](mailto:PHS@montcopa.org) 610-278-3555
  - Website - [www2.montcopa.org/parks/](http://www2.montcopa.org/parks/)
  
- Chester County Parks and Recreation Dept.
  - Contact - Glenn Nelson, education coordinator
  - E-mail/Phone - [gnelson@chesco.org](mailto:gnelson@chesco.org) 610-344-6415
  - Website - [www.chesco.org/ccparks/](http://www.chesco.org/ccparks/)