

**Stephen A. Andes Recreation Enhancement Fund
Grant Application and Program Guidelines**



Please mail or deliver completed applications to:

**Putnam County Commission
12093 Winfield Road
Winfield, WV 25213**

DUE: January 15, 2027

Stephen A. Andes Recreation Enhancement Fund Program Guidelines

Calendar Year 2027

The Putnam County Commission awards grants to governmental entities (municipalities) and non-profit organizations within Putnam County (excluding municipalities that currently receive hotel/motel tax revenue) to enhance recreational and tourism opportunities in Putnam County. In Calendar Year 2027, the Stephen A. Andes Recreation Enhancement Fund will receive an annual contribution of **\$100,000** from the Putnam County Commission to fund various recreation projects throughout Putnam County. Grant applications must demonstrate the willingness of the applicant office to comply with all budget, purchasing, and reporting requirements; and to provide local support to ensure the success of the project and the improvements identified in the grant proposal. Grant recipients must provide at least a twenty percent (20%) cash match for each dollar expended by the Putnam County Commission. Grant funds are awarded on a reimbursement basis, which requires submission of the official Request for Reimbursement or invoice form.

The application (pages 5-7) and required supporting documentation are to be typed letter-size paper. An ORIGINAL signed application and four complete copies must be submitted for review by the County Commission and County Manager. Please see Page 4 for a list of Supporting Materials necessary to complete the application.

Applications must be completed and received on or before **January 15, 2027**. They may be hand delivered or mailed via USPS to: Putnam County Commission, c/o Tim Hanna, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. Faxed or other electronic submissions will NOT be accepted. All grant applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed for completeness and applicants contacted if there are any omissions or irregularities in the submitted application.

Please be advised, Calendar Year 2027 grant applications, the maximum amount that any grantee can request is \$30,000. No additional funding over the maximum amount will be awarded. The Putnam County Commission will review all qualified grant applications on Tuesday, January 26, 2027 at 5:00pm. Please be reminded, in order to be considered for funding, a representative familiar with the grant project is REQUIRED attend the meeting to present any the details regarding their proposed project, and answer any questions that may arise. If there is no representative in attendance to present your grant application, it will not be considered for funding by the County Commission.

The Putnam County Commission may approve total, partial, or no funding for all reviewed applications. Applicants approved for partial funding or not approved for funding will be informed in writing by County Commission staff. Successful applicants are to perform and complete project work during Calendar Year 2027 (February 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027).

Applicants are encouraged to contact Tim Hanna, County Manager at (304) 586-0201, to discuss potential projects, the general requirements of the grant, or questions regarding the application process.

Eligible Projects

The proposed project must fall under one of the following categories as defined in W.Va. Code §7-18-14(d):

1. The planning, construction, reconstruction, establishment, acquisition, improvement, renovation, extension, enlargement, equipment, maintenance, repair and operation of publicly owned convention facilities, including, but not limited to, arenas, auditoriums, civic centers and convention centers;
2. The payment of principal or interest or both of public parks, tourist information centers and recreational facilities, including land acquisition;
3. The promotion of the arts;
4. Historic sites; or
5. Beautification projects.

Ineligible Projects:

- Personnel costs for new permanent positions, or costs to refund or supplement salaries of staff.
- Projects located outside of Putnam County, WV.

Key Information:

- Applications are due no later than January 15, 2027
- Applications are to be sent via mail or hand delivered
- Applications are for Calendar Year 2027 (February 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027)
- Only projects within Putnam County, WV will be considered, all projects outside Putnam County WV are not eligible for funding.
- Applicants must be governmental entities or nonprofit agencies
- Applicants currently receiving hotel/motel tax revenue are NOT eligible for Stephen A. Andes Recreation Enhancement Funding
- **Eligible applicants cannot request funding over the maximum amount of \$30,000**
- Grant recipients must provide no less than 20% cash match
- Annual contribution of \$100,000 will be made to the Recreation Enhancement Fund

Checklist of Required Supporting Materials:

The materials listed below must be included with the application:

1. _____ Letter of support with original signature of specific office holder participating in the records project
2. _____ Photographs, floor plans, etc., which may demonstrate or document the need for the project
3. _____ Estimates, bids, proposals, job descriptions, qualifications and/or resumes, supplies, equipment, floor plans, and drawings for proposed work to be purchased or contracted services must be dated within 60 days of the application
4. _____ Original and four copies of the application (pages 5-7) with supporting materials
5. _____ Other relevant information, if applicable

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Please complete and return Pages 5-7 of this Application with Supporting Materials (See Page 4) and thirteen copies. You do not need to submit Pages 1-4.

Applicant Information:

Applicant Agency:	<u>Type of Agency</u>
Address:	Municipality
	Non-Profit
Phone:	
Fax:	

Project Point of Contact (POC):
POC Title:
Address:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Funds Requested:

Proposed Match (20%):

Project Period:

February 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027

Certification: To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true and correct. The submission thereof has been duly authorized by the governing body and the applicant will comply with the guidelines set forth in this application, if funding is provided.

Authorized Official:	AO Title:
Address:	Phone:
	Fax:
	Email:
Signature:	Date:

Project Narrative

Please provide information that describes, in specific terms, the scope of the work for the proposed project. State clearly and in concise detail, the purpose of the proposed project, including the location of the proposed project, anticipated dates of project initiation and completion, as well as any further details regarding the proposed project. Additional pages may be attached when necessary.

Project Budget

Provide specific information that explains each proposed expense for the project. State clearly and in detail the breakdown and justification of need for each item requested for funding. Please be reminded, a 20% local match is required for this grant. A breakdown of matching funds must be included in the budget information. Please include estimates or quotes when applicable. Additional pages may be attached when necessary.