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## PA ROUTE 6 ANNOUNCES MINI GRANT PROGRAM

The PA Route 6 Alliance (PA RT6) invites organizers of projects throughout the PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor to submit a grant application for projects up to \$5,000.

According to Executive Director, Terri Dennison, the projects should support the mission of PA RT 6, its Management Action Plan, the PA Route 6 Artisan Trail and/or the individual Heritage Workplans for each of the 20 PA Route 6 Heritage Communities.

Eligible project activities would include interpretive/educational exhibits and materials, way-finding and gateway signage, and promotional/marketing products that specifically promote the PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor Some examples are:

- Marketing and educational pieces that promote the heritage of the area
- Trail development and Interpretative signage
- Packaged itineraries and products associated with those itineraries.
- Elements from existing plans including but not limited to trails, watershed, greenway or heritage community plans.

PA Rout 6 in partnership with DCNR have funding available to support projects totaling \$50,000 with a minimum award of \$1,000 and maximum award of \$5,000. There is a required 1:1 cash match. Applications are due by September 30. Grant announcements will be made in December. Projects can commence on January 1, 2016. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2016.

The project must be located within the boundaries of the PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor. This includes the counties of Crawford, Erie, Warren. McKean, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike. The project may also support the PA Route 6 Heritage Community Workplans for any of the 20 Heritage Communities: Conneaut Lake, Edinboro, Union City, Corry, Youngsville, Warren, Kane, Smethport, Coudersport, Austin, Galeton, Mansfield, Wyalusing, Tunkhannock, Carbondale, Waymart, Honesdale, White Mills, Hawley and Milford.

Funding for the PA Route 6 Mini Grant Program is provided through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) and therefore must adhere to all statewide rules and regulations. Eligible applicants for the program would include non-profit 501(c)3 organizations, municipalities, COG's, Conservation Districts, and Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

For more information or download a copy of the application at http://www.paroute6.com/current\_projects.