

Paddle Antrim's *Ripple Effect* Grant Program

Paddle Antrim is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation founded in 2014. Our Board of Directors is comprised local leaders dedicated to vibrant communities and celebrated waterways. Our mission is to protect our water resources by using paddle sports to connect people to our waterways. Through stewardship, education, improved water trail access, and promotion of our waterways we will increase water resources protection and enhance the economic vitality of the region. We value stewardship of our waterways and protect them through on the ground projects and education. We value access to the waterways and work to promote and improve access sites for universal access to all. We value celebrating our waterways and enjoy our water resources through all types of paddling sports. We value a strong local economy in Northern Michigan and support our local businesses and communities. We value partnerships and act as a conduit to help provide important information about our resources to our communities and visitors. We value our board members, staff, volunteers, and friends in our communities and work to build stronger relationships to do great things.

Paddle Antrim's *Ripple Effect* mini-grant program is funded from a portion of income earned through classes and events to support other community groups whose values, goals and desired impacts align with ours. The total amount of the grants we award will vary from year to year. We award \$1,000 - \$3,000 per grant cycle (Fall and Spring). Our Board will use its discretion to make modest and meaningful gifts between \$200 - \$2,000. Each application will be evaluated on its merit and prudent use of funds.

Eligible applicants for *Ripple Effect* grants include:

- Units of government within the Chain of Lakes Watershed area and adjacent watersheds which impact Antrim County
- Michigan-based non-profit groups who serve the Chain of Lakes Watershed and adjacent watersheds which impact Antrim County

Examples of projects we might consider funding include:

- Stream bank or road-stream crossing restoration work
- Aquatic invasive species management efforts
- Land acquisition costs and/or construction projects that improve launch sites or launch site amenities for paddlers, such as restroom facilities, kayak storage racks, changing areas, picnic areas, drinking water access, directional signage that help to link launch areas to main streets and community services, etc.
- Educational workshops, programs, or communication and outreach initiatives that reach target audiences whose individual and collective choices and decisions will impact water quality in the Chain of Lakes

Ineligible activities:

- Support for a political candidate or party
- Advocacy work
- Work that has already been completed

Application and Award Process

Spring Application Deadline: May 1, 2023 at 5pm

Fall Application Deadline: November 1, 2023 at 5 pm

Applicants must complete a Grant Application Form, which can be found at www.paddleantrim.com/ripple-effect-mini-grants/. All applications should be sent to Paddle Antrim by email at info@paddleantrim.com. All grants must be for a single project or program. Repeat requests will be considered on their individual merits. Decisions will be made by the Paddle Antrim Board.

Notification

The Paddle Antrim Board of Directors will review *Ripple Effect* grant applications. A notification letter will be sent to all successful applicants within 60 days of the grant application deadline. Any requested changes in the project after funding is awarded must be addressed and approved by the Paddle Antrim Executive Director.

Payment Process

All grantees that receive an award must complete Paddle Antrim's "Financial and Final Report Form". Awardees must also submit a resolution of support from their governing body with the Final Report." Noncompliance with the terms of payment process and grant will render grantee ineligible to receive funds and ineligible for future Paddle Antrim *Ripple Effect* grants. All requests for funds must be submitted no later than one month after the project has been completed. Grant funds must be

used within twelve months after the grant is awarded. Any publicity for grant events or projects should include mention of Paddle Antrim per the communication conditions provided in the grant award letter.

Paddle Antrim’s “Ripple Effect” Grant Application Form 2023

Please share your concise responses to the questions below. Responses should be no more than three single-spaced pages. If available, you may attach and include photographs or maps to support your application. These application materials do not count toward the three-page limit. Please email your completed application in a Microsoft Word or PDF format to info@paddleantrim.com and include “2023 Grant Application” in the subject line.

Name of Entity Applying for Funds _____

Type of Entity (non-profit, unit of government) _____

Name of Contact Person/Grant Administrator _____

Title _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Website _____

Name of Project _____

Total Project Cost _____

Amount Requested from Paddle Antrim _____

1. Summarize your project. What problem are you solving with your project? What are your goals?
2. What activities are you planning?
3. What is the location of your project? What is the geographic area served?
4. Who are you serving and who are the beneficiaries of your project?
5. Who are the project’s leaders and partners? Describe their roles and responsibilities.
6. List the costs and sources of revenue for your project.
7. Describe how your project advances Paddle Antrim’s goals and desired outcomes.
8. Describe how your project aligns with existing community visions, goals, and plans.

9. Will a member of the governing body or their family or household benefit financially from this project?