



Lackawanna Heritage Valley Educational Field Trip Mini-Grant Program

Grant Seeking Guidelines and Program Details

LHV's Mission, Goals, and Funding Priorities

The mission of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley is to facilitate community action in the preservation, promotion and development of the region's history, cultural heritage, and natural resources.

LHV's Goals:

- Tell the story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.
- Facilitate partnerships.
- Preserve and enhance the physical character and economic vitality of the communities in the Lackawanna Valley.
- Improve the visitor experience.
- Reconnect people and communities to the Lackawanna River.

Funding Agencies

LHV's Educational Field Trip Mini-Grant Program is funded by the National Park Service (NPS) through the National Heritage Areas Program and local funds. Grant awards are made based on the guidelines of these programs along with goals set forth by LHV's Management Plan.

Program details:

PLEASE NOTE: This program is separate and apart from the Heritage Express 4th grade Edition program.

Fourth grade classes in all Lackawanna County schools are not eligible for this field trip program due to the ongoing Heritage Express 4th Grade Edition program.

Teachers from kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to apply for the 2026-2027 Educational FIELD TRIP Mini-Grant Program, sponsored by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area (LHV). All field trips must take place prior to June 1, 2027. The program will award ten grants of \$500 each to educators in Northeastern Pennsylvania to PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRIPS TO SITES WITHIN THE **LACKAWANNA WATERSHED REGION**. Those eligible to participate in the program include classroom teachers, as well as educators at cultural, historic, and environmental organizations and sites within Northeastern Pennsylvania. The main goal of this program is to help with busing costs for classes to be able to attend off-site educational opportunities. In some cases, the cost of admission fees may be included in the grant award.

LHV will NOT provide educational programming at any of the sites. Each teacher will be responsible for scheduling with the site as well as scheduling with busing. **Invoice/Quote for busing costs must be submitted to LHV with the grant application.** If approved, the award check will be mailed directly to the school. After the field trip is completed, a short final report, including final bus invoice and proof of payment and if applicable, an invoice from the site regarding entrance fees, along with proof of payment. This is **necessary** for our auditing purposes.

The eligible field trip sites are limited to sites within Lackawanna County, and include sites such as the following:

- McDade Park/Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
- Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates
- Steamtown National Historic Site
- Lackawanna County Electric City Trolley Station and Museum
- Lackawanna Historical Society and/or Courthouse Walking Tour
- Scranton Cultural Center
- Everhart Museum and/or the Greenhouse Project
- Waverly Community House and the Destination Freedom Program

For questions about this program, please contact April Rogato, LHV Executive Assistant and Grant Coordinator at 570-963-6730 option 1 or by email at arogato@LHVA.org