



Friends of Kentucky Public Libraries, Inc.

Guidelines for the \$500 Grant to **Friends Chapters 2026**

Purpose: The Friends of Kentucky Libraries offers \$500 grants to help establish and strengthen local Friends chapters.

Examples of activities that would be funded:

1. Program for recruiting new members
2. Establishing a newsletter
3. Equipment or promotional materials for book sale
4. Program sponsored by Friends to build support for the library or heighten profile
5. READ posters for community leaders
6. Creative ideas for strengthening friends groups
7. Author fair
8. Children's programming
9. Arts display systems
10. Other great ideas!

Criteria: Funds will be awarded to the proposal(s) that offers the best potential for strengthening the Friends group for the future. Contributions to building funds will not be considered.

Rules:

The proposal must be signed by the Friends President and Library Director.

Friends group must be members of Friends of Kentucky Libraries. Join at: friendskyllibraries.org.

Application should include no more than two pages and must include a detailed budget and schedule.

Changes to the budget and schedule must be approved by Friends of Kentucky Libraries. Any remaining funds must be returned to Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

Projects should be completed within one year.

Upon completion of the project, the Friends chapter must submit a report describing results of the project and accounting for use of funds. Please include photos of your project with captions for inclusion on social media.

Please email the grant application along with the budget and schedule to:

awards@friendskyllibraries.org. All applicants will be notified by email by **June 30, 2026**.

Applications must be received by **May 31, 2026**.