

Tunnel Country Grant Rules:

The following rules for the Tunnel Country Grant Program were agreed upon by the Board Of Directors on April 17, 2010.

- 1) The project must encourage model railroading as promoted by the NMRA.
- 2) Requests should be limited to no more than two pages in length.
 - 1) The project should be described in a clear and concise manner.
 - 2) The request must include a summary of other sources of income and operating expenses.
 - 3) The person submitting the request must be a member of the organization and a member of the NMRA.
 - 1) The organization must be located within the geographical boundaries of the First Division.
 - 2) The name of the leader of the applicant's group must be included.
 - 4) Previous grant receivers must include a short summary highlighting the organization's use of previously awarded funds when applying for a new grant.
 - 5) Grant requests must be submitted (post marked) between April 1st and Aug 31st of each year.
 - 1) The requests are to be mailed (either by US Mail or e-mail) to the First Division Superintendent.
 - 2) The requests must be received by the Superintendent at least one week before the Fall BOD business meeting.
- 3) The evaluation of the requests and a decision on the dispersal of funds will be made by the Board of Directors at the Fall BOD business meeting. The dispersal of the grants awarded is at the sole discretion of the BOD.
 - 1) The total amount of grants distributed annually is limited to the gross annual interest income from the proceeds received from the "Full Steam to Eugene" NMRA convention. All, some, or none of the funds may be awarded.
 - 2) Previous award winners will receive lesser consideration than new applicants. This includes, but is not limited to the following considerations:
 - 1) How many grants were received in the past.
 - 2) How much grant money was received in the past.
 - 3) How recently the grants were received.
 - 3) The BOD will announce the results to all applicants.