

2010 Grant Application Timeline

- Thursday, April 1, 4:30p.m.: Grant Applications Due
- April 5-12: Grant Review
- April 13: Grant Award Announcements
- May 7: Grant Funding Distributed



This grant program is funded by the Foundation's fundraising efforts and generous contributions to the Foundation!

2009 Grant Recipients
 Bloomington Parks and Recreation
Dakota Language Camp
 Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation
Art Crawl
 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Canines for Clean Water

2008 Grant Recipients
 Winona Parks and Recreation
Timmy Rhythms, A Percussion Discussion
 St. Paul Parks and Recreation
Interactive Community Challenges
 Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
Garlic Mustard Goes Gourmet
 Fridley Senior Center
Wii Play for Fitness

2007 Grant Recipients
 St. Louis Park Parks and Recreation
Rink Rat Program
(A collaboration including Plymouth, Minnetonka, New Hope, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Golden Valley, Brooklyn Park, and Edina.)
 Dakota Communities
Garden Warrior Program
 Duluth Parks and Recreation
Technology in Trail Watch Program
 Ramsey County Parks and Recreation
Active Living Ramsey County

2006 Grant Recipients
 Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks
ACTIVE PLAYhouse
 Maplewood Parks and Recreation
Shape Up Maplewood
 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Exploring Winter in the Park – Opportunities for Southeast Asian Communities in Ft. Snelling State Park
 South of the River Recreators (SORR)
GPS Amazing Family Race.
 Three Rivers Park District
Global Positioning Systems in Outdoor Recreation

Submit grant applications electronically in Word or PDF format on or before 4:30 p.m. , Thursday, April 1 to: tpetersen@ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us

Questions?
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Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation

New Initiative Grant Program

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The Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation has created the New Initiative Grant Program, which is intended to spur innovation in parks and recreation services at a local, regional, or state-wide level that ultimately could have state-wide impact.

What is eligible for funding?

Grant funding is available for programs and services that demonstrate innovation in parks and recreation services for the agency submitting the grant application, with future applicability for other agencies at a local, regional, or state-wide level.

What is excluded?

Capital improvements like buildings and structures, funding for existing programs and services, and costs incurred prior to the award of the grant are not eligible.

Up to \$2,000 is available per grant.



Eligibility

- Each grant must have a sponsoring agency, and sponsoring agencies must be government or non-profit.
- Applicants must be either individual members of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, or their sponsoring agency must be an agency member.
- Grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar in cash.
- Grant funds may be expended within the agency's current or upcoming fiscal year in which they were awarded.

Other Requirements

- If the initiative that is being funded is not implemented, recipients are required to return funds to the Foundation.
- Grant recipients will be required to present their program or service outcomes at a future Minnesota Recreation and Park Association conference as part of a panel discussion.

Evaluation Process

Grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of Foundation Board Members and/or Contributing Members. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Innovative approach to a program or service.
- Community need or support.
- Feasibility or likelihood that the program or service could be used by other agencies throughout Minnesota.
- How the program will be assessed and what measures will be used to determine success.
- Program/service budget and what the grant is intended to fund.

Application Process

To apply, submit a narrative describing the program or service, *no more than four pages*. The narrative must follow this format:

Section 1: Program name.

Section 2: Program personnel and grant contact information.

Section 3: The innovative approach to a program or service.

Section 4: Community need/support.

Section 5: What are you requesting funding for? Please be specific, such as salaries, supplies, etc.

Section 6: What is your program budget? Please state all anticipated expenditures and revenue.

Section 7: What is the feasibility or likelihood that the program or service could be used by other agencies throughout Minnesota?

Section 8: How will the program be evaluated and what measures will be used to determine success?

Section 9: Statement that grant will be matched dollar-for-dollar by sponsoring agency.



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