

2011 Grant Recipients

City of Inver Grove Heights
Random Acts of Fitness

City of Brooklyn Park
Eidem's Farm Market

City of Woodbury
East Metro/Woodbury Miracle League

2010 Grant Recipients

Minnetonka Senior Center
Fall Fitness Fest

City of Brooklyn Park
Zanewood Photovoice

City of Brooklyn Park
Teen Re-Creation

-2012 Grant Application Timeline-

Friday, February 10, 4:30p.m.:

Grant Applications Due

February 13-24, 2012:

Grant Review

February 27:

Grant Award Announcements

March 16:

Grant Funding Approved & Distributed



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A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting recreation and parks for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Minnesota communities by supporting education, grants and the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association.

The Foundation's efforts are encouraged and supported by the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association and its members.

The Foundation was established in 1972 and incorporated in 1973. Contributions are tax-deductible.

The affairs of the Foundation are governed by a board of trustees. Funds raised are used for a variety of worthwhile projects and initiatives.

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



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MRPF New Initiative Grant Program

2012 Grant Application Information

“Promoting *excellence* in the **parks and recreation** profession by *supporting innovation, education, and training.*”

The Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation New Initiative Grant Program, 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, full-time personnel, on-going expenses, costs incurred prior to the award of the grant and recipients of the previous year are not eligible.

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

Eligibility

- ◆ Each grant must have a sponsoring agency (government or non-profit).
- ◆ Applicants must be a MRPF member, or their sponsoring agency must be a MRPF member.
- ◆ Grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar in cash.
- ◆ Grant funds must be expended within the agency's current or upcoming fiscal year in which they were awarded.
- ◆ One submission per agency

Other Requirements

If the initiative that is being funded is not implemented, recipients are required to return funds to the Foundation.

1. Grant recipients will be required to present their program or service outcomes online at Minnesota Recreation and Park Association website.
2. Present their program at the MRPA Annual State Conference

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 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 its 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 marketing, supplies, etc.

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

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.

Submit grant applications electronically in Word or PDF format on or before **4:30 p.m. - Friday, February 10** to: tpetersen@invergroveheights.org

Questions?

Contact Tracy Petersen at 651-450-2588 or tpetersen@invergroveheights.org