

# TAKE THE CHALLENGE

**APPLY FOR A CHALLENGE GRANT!**



**This is your chance to make a direct impact on your local parks and trails!** The Anchorage Park Foundation with help from the Rasmuson Foundation is challenging community groups to earn a matching grant for a municipal park or trail improvement project. Have an idea? Apply for a Challenge Grant and join the 96 groups and individuals who have already made a true neighbor power difference in our community by improving parks and trails.

## HOW IT WORKS

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### **Brainstorm your project.**

What park or trail improvements would you like to see in Anchorage?

2

### **Meet with professional landscape architects**

to suss out your idea and write your proposal. Workshops are on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

3

### **Apply for a Challenge Grant**

by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



## IF WE SELECT YOUR PROJECT

### **Let the fun begin!**

As a Challenge Grantee, we challenge you to fundraise the in-kind and volunteer match needed for your awarded project. You have two years to make it happen!

Challenge Grant awards range from \$500 to \$40,000 dollars. Since 2006, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation have awarded over \$1.6 million dollars in Challenge Grant funds to over 96 different projects. The total project value raised between all of these projects is over \$7.1 million dollars.

### **Past Challenge Grants include:**

- Wayfinding signage for Mountain View and Ship Creek Trail
- Art installations at Westchester Lagoon
- New single track trails at Kincaid Park
- Interpretive signs at Baxter Bog Park
- Playground equipment at Williwaw Park



# CHALLENGE GRANT SPOTLIGHTS

## Schools on Trails



The Anchorage Park Foundation's Schools on Trails program worked with teachers and students to design the following Challenge Grant projects to connect students from Anchorage public schools to their nearby public parks and trails!

- Outdoor learning labs for Russian Jack Springs Park near Nunaka Valley Elementary School
- Outdoor learning labs for Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail

## Playgrounds



The Challenge Grant program is a strong supporter of PLAY! The program has helped improve playgrounds at:

- Barbara Street Park
- Moen Park
- Arctic Benson
- North Russian Jack Springs Park
- Bancroft Park
- Girdwood Park

## Eagle Scout Projects



The Anchorage Park Foundation is proud to support Eagle Scout projects such as:

- Fishing Line Collection Bins
- Chugach Foothills Mutt Mitt Stations
- Connor's Bogg Kiosk
- Kincaid Park Jodphur Trailhead Kiosk
- Little Dipper Park Improvements
- Whisper Faith Kovach Memorial Park Amenities

## ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Apply for a 2017 Challenge Grant and make a difference in your community!

1. Identify a potential improvement for a nearby park or trail.
2. Look for the Challenge Grant application at [www.anchorageparkfoundation.org](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org) on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
3. Attend a proposal writing workshop hosted by the Anchorage Society of Landscape Architects on January 31<sup>st</sup> or February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Submit your proposal by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.



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