



Anchorage Park Foundation 2019 Challenge Grant Description & Criteria

The Anchorage Park Foundation builds *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails and recreation opportunities.

Anchorage Park Foundation is offering **Community Challenge Grants**, a way for your park or trail improvement project to come to life with your community energy matched dollar for dollar! We award your doable project idea with dollar-for-dollar matching grant for the energy YOU put into your project through cash donations, volunteer labor, and in-kind materials or services. They offer a way to achieve community priorities to improve a park or trail that would not otherwise be funded through the Municipality of Anchorage.

Apply today to improve your favorite park or trail!

Who Can Apply: Anyone with an achievable project idea! Individuals, Families, Neighbor groups, Community Councils, private Businesses, organized Recreation groups, non-profits, etc.

Award Amounts: Between \$500 to \$50,000 in matching funds

Next Application Due Date: Sunday April 14, 2019

Grant Applications must be submitted online at www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org

Process

Proposals will be reviewed in a competitive process based on available funding. The Community Challenge Grant Committee recommends a grantee slate to the Anchorage Park Foundation Board of Directors to approve and award.

In few instances, project ideas may require more public involvement and approvals, including from but not limited to: community council, permitting, Parks and Recreation Commission, Urban Design Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission. Proposals may be awarded time to complete public process and reapply.

Requirements

- A one-to-one match is required. For example, a \$500 project grant requires a \$500 match from the grantee in the form of cash, employee and volunteer time, donations, grants, or in-kind services. The match may not include federal funds, or funds raised from sources outside of Alaska. The maximum amount APF will match is the awarded grant amount. If the grantee group raises more than the grant amount, APF will not match that extra amount.

**value volunteer time is valued at \$27.45 an hour, and skilled labor contributions at \$70 an hour*

- Grants are intended for projects that would not otherwise be funded by APF or the Municipality of Anchorage. They may not be used for normal operating expenses, or to replace existing budgets.
- Match must be raised after award of the challenge grant; funds and in-kind donations raised before the grant award date will not count towards the match
- Projects must:
 - take place in an Anchorage municipal park or on an Anchorage municipal trail
 - be completed by September 30, 2020

Awarding Considerations and Priorities

May include, but aren't limited to project ideas that:

- Meet an identified public need
- Engage various user groups and involve neighborhoods to accomplish goals
- Are supported by a wide variety of people and organizations
- Are endorsed by a community council
- Fit within an approved master park plan
- Have feasible budgets and clear proposals
- Promote opportunities for increased individual and community health
- Elevate community inclusion, accessibility and inclusivity
- Connect youth to the outdoors
- Are located in parks or trails with existing funded project plans (such as existing or proposed park bond projects)
- Contribute both volunteer labor hours and financial resources to unlock matching grant funds
- Utilize volunteers to complete project labor
- Utilize Youth Employment in Parks workcrews
- Demonstrate plans to evaluate the success of the completed project and ensure its continued maintenance

Award and Term Criteria

- Project ideas must be located on municipal parkland or in a parks facility
- Project ideas must be able to be completed by September 30, 2020
- Project ideas must benefit the public
- A demonstrated, achievable 1:1 match to complete the project idea is required
- Matching funds must be able to be unlocked by earned financial donations, volunteer labor, and/or in-kind services or materials
- Matching funds **may not** include federal funds, or funds from sources outside of Alaska
- Matching funds may include grant funds, with discussion and approval of APF
- Donations, volunteer labor, in-kind services and materials you raise are only eligible for matching grant funds if sought after the Community Challenge Grant award date.
- Grantees may raise more for their project than the awarded challenge grant amount, but APF will not match additional funds than an original matching award

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Information is also available at www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org