



Anchorage Park Foundation builds healthy parks and healthy people by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Our work is driven by a vision that all residents and visitors in Anchorage - regardless of income, ethnicity, or special needs - benefit from a connected and diverse park and trail system.

Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) Community Challenge Grant Program 2022 Request for Proposals

The Community Challenge Grant Program was created as a way to bring community engagement and stewardship to Anchorage's public spaces. This program has two overarching goals: (1) Improve Anchorage parks, trails and facilities (2) Support individuals, neighborhoods, organizations and businesses that value volunteerism and stewardship for public lands.

Who can apply? Individuals, families, neighbor groups, community councils, private businesses, organized recreation groups and nonprofits.

The project must:

1. Benefit the public;
2. Be completed by Oct. 30, 2023;
3. Be a capital improvement project that takes place in an Anchorage municipal park, facility, or on a trail; and
4. Demonstrate the ability to raise 1:1 in community match. For example, a \$20,000 project could be awarded \$10,000 if applicant's proposal meets guidelines to raise \$10,000 in any combination of match from cash donations, volunteer time, non-federal grants or donated materials.

Award considerations and priorities - May include, but aren't limited to projects that:

- Meet an identified public need;
- Encourage volunteerism and stewardship of public lands;
- Elevate community diversity, accessibility, and inclusivity;
- Promote opportunities for increased individual and community health;
- Fit within an approved park master plan;
- Identify community support and partnerships;
- Demonstrate the ability to complete the project;
- Benefit youth and underserved communities;
- Add value to projects (such as existing or proposed park bond projects);
- Utilize Youth Employment in Parks work crews;
- Give consideration or understanding to continued maintenance needs;

2022 Grant Application Timeline

January 18, 2022: Application period opens

February 23 and March 3, 2022: Project Assistance

Two workshops offer applicants free guidance on project proposals from the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and park planners with Anchorage Parks and Recreation. The workshops will be held via Zoom on February 23 at 5:30pm and March 3rd at 5:30pm. Contact [Diana](#) via email or call 907.249.6652 to receive the meeting link.

March 17, 2022: Application period closes
Applications due by midnight Alaska time.

April 20, 2022: Notification sent via email to all applicants stating if their application was selected or not selected.

May 13, 2022: Noon – Public announcement and kickoff celebration with grantees at local park.

June 1, 2022-October 15, 2023: Grantee period of performance

The period of performance is the period of time during which the grantee is expected to raise and spend approved funds and complete the grant-funded activities.

October 30, 2023: Final reports due from awarded grantees.

2022 Grant Application Review Process

Grant applications received by the March 17, 2022 deadline will be reviewed in a competitive process based on available funding. A Community Challenge Grant Committee that includes Municipal Parks and Recreation staff recommends a grantee slate to the Anchorage Park Foundation Board of Directors to approve and award.

In some instances, proposals may require more public involvement and approvals, including 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.

2022 Grant Application Materials

1. Application Form (below and online [here](#)) *Required*
2. Project Budget Template (online [here](#)) *Required*
3. Up to four supplemental documents or photos *Optional*

2022 Anchorage Park Foundation Community Challenge Grant Application

Applicant Type: Select one.

Individual

Nonprofit

School
Community Council
Sports Organization
Service Organization
Business
Other

Project Lead Contact Information

First Name
Last Name
Email
Mobile Phone
Address
City
State
Zip

Project Name (short sentence)

The project name should reference the park, trail or facility that is the focus of the project as well as the type of grant-funded capital improvement work to be accomplished. For example: "Chester Creek Trail: Wayfinding signage" or "construct a trail" or "remove invasive species"

Project Location and Address

Name of park, trail or facility
Address
City
Zip

Project Description (1000-character limit)

What do you want to do? (Example: tree planting, trail improvements, signage, etc.)

Public Benefit (500-character limit)

Who will benefit from the proposed project? What is the identified public need?

Partnerships and Community Support (1000-character limit)

Partnerships and community support help define the benefit to the public. Examples include letters from your community council, a pledge from a local business, partnership with a school, nonprofit, etc.

Project Budget Narrative (1000-character limit)

(Download and complete the required Project Budget Template. Choose from two templates that can be found online at Anchorage Park Foundation website [here](#))

The narrative helps describe the required project budget spreadsheet. Please include:

Total Project Budget \$

Amount Requested from APF \$

Matching Funds \$

Example: Matching funds will be raised through donated labor at three volunteer events planned for 2022. Cash will be raised through one fundraising event in 2022, one fundraising event in 2023 and a grant from my community council in 2023.

Project Team (1000-character limit)

Please provide names and responsibilities of additional project team members, if applicable. Example: Do you have a landscape architect volunteering with you? A Scout Troop working with you? Does your team reflect community diversity?

Planning and Implementation (1000-character limit)

What major steps or phases are anticipated? How much time will each phase take? If your project can be completed in 2022, all the better. No need to wait until 2023 to complete.

Project Certification

To the best of my knowledge all the information in this application and each attachment is true and correct.

Digital Signature

First Name

Last Name

Date

Submitting Application

For questions and to submit all grant application materials, please contact Diana Rhoades, Anchorage Park Foundation Community Engagement Director 907.249.6652, Diana@AnchorageParkFoundation.org