

# PARKS BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT

## GUIDELINES

### OVERVIEW

The Parks Build Healthy Communities Grant, led by Partnerships for Parks, supports community groups with small grants of up to \$5,000 for physical improvements, events, and programming in parks, playgrounds, community gardens and street trees that contribute to community health and well-being in Queensbridge, Corona, North Corona, Flushing, and East Flushing. This grant is made possible by Building Healthy Communities (BHC), an initiative of the Mayor's Office and the Fund for Public Health NYC. Funding for this award was generously provided by Astoria Energy LLC.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Community groups and nonprofit organizations proposing projects for NYC Parks property – parks, playgrounds, community gardens and street trees – that improve community health throughout Corona and Flushing neighborhoods.
- Applicants are NOT required to have 501(c)(3) status, but if groups are not 501(c)(3) organizations or do not have an outside fiscal sponsor, grants funds can only be accessed by reimbursement or paid invoice directly to vendors.

### WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Please note that any proposed project must have the approval of NYC Parks. All projects will be executed in full consultation with the landowner, NYC Parks, and be subject to their determinations of what can thrive and be sustained for the long-term benefit of the park.
- Projects that improve opportunities for physical activity, increase access to nutritious and affordable food, and promote public safety.
- Applicants propose their own project timeline. All grant activities must be completed and final reports submitted by December 31, 2019.
- Groups who receive grants may reapply in subsequent grant rounds, but must have completed and submitted a final report for all previous grant activities.

### DEADLINES AND TIMELINE

**2018 FALL DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

Earliest Notification of Decisions: January 4, 2019

All submissions must be received by 11:59PM on the due date. Late applications will not be accepted.

### TO APPLY

- 1** Interested? Read these guidelines and ensure your proposal is for activities that support health and wellness in Corona and Flushing.
- 2** Questions? Register for an individual consultation to discuss your group's specific proposal questions with the Partnerships for Parks Grants Team. Individual consultations may be scheduled up until one (1) week before the deadline.
- 3** Apply online at [www.partnershipsforparks.org](http://www.partnershipsforparks.org)
- 4** Be available during the review period to answer questions. Return calls and/or emails promptly.

For information and to register for a consultation, go to [www.partnershipsforparks.org](http://www.partnershipsforparks.org) or email the Grants Team at [Grants@cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:Grants@cityparksfoundation.org).

## PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO

- Local community groups and nonprofit organizations that live, work or volunteer in Queensbridge, Corona, North Corona, Flushing and East Flushing who have been actively involved and/or investing in local parks and gardens.
- Projects that activate park and community garden spaces with engaging programming for the community.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

Potential projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Skateboarding workshops to encourage teen use of the park
- Neighborhood-wide sports tournament spanning multiple parks to build connections between youth and sports leagues
- Community running group to provide peer support and fitness for local residents
- Honorarium fee and outreach materials to fund and promote free weekly yoga and fitness in the park
- Increase capacity of community gardens to grow and distribute fresh produce locally
- Family health programming at a community garden or park by a local health center
- Small-scale park physical improvement projects such as gardening, painting, and other beautification work that fits into a larger approach to healthy living
- Fundable items can also include:
  - Tools, plants, and refreshments for monthly gardening and stewardship activities in the park

## WHAT ELSE TO KNOW?

Expect to hear about the funding decision about 4 to 6 weeks after the deadline. Grant-funded projects and activities may only begin after awards are announced.

Grant funds must be spent and a grant report must be submitted within two (2) weeks of completing the project.

## WE DO NOT FUND

- Individuals.
- Fundraisers or materials that will be sold for profit.
- Capital improvements: physical improvement in a park that costs more than \$35,000 and is expected to have a useful life of at least five years.
- Staff time. It is our expectation that the programs we fund will be run primarily by volunteers or in cases of paid non-profit staff that salaries come from a different source.  
*Exceptions are made for outside consultants such as instructors, educators, or performers who provide a needed service or expertise. Intern stipends will also be considered when projects provide meaningful youth employment related to parks.*
- Local travel.
- Overhead costs like rent, general liability insurance, utilities, etc.

## ELIGIBLE PARKS/GARDENS/PLAYGROUNDS

**QUEENSBRIDGE:** Queensbridge Park, Queensbridge Baby Park, Ravenswood Playground, Dutch Kills Playground, Spirit Playground, Sixteen Oaks Grove, Rainey Park, and Windmill Community Garden

**ALL:** Flushing Meadows Corona Park

**CORONA:** Corona Golf Playground, Corona Health Sanctuary Playground, Corona Taxpayers Association Community Garden, Josephine Caminiti Playground, Simeone Park, Sparrow's Nest Community Garden, William F Moore Park, 97th Street Block Association

**NORTH CORONA:** American Triangle, Corona Plaza, Hinton Park, Junction Playground, Louis Armstrong Community Center, Louis Armstrong Playground, Mall Thirty Four XXXIV, Park Of The Americas, Veteran's Square, Lawrence Triangle

**EAST FLUSHING:** Plaut Triangle, The Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground, Bland Playground

**FLUSHING:** Bowne Playground, Colden Playground, Daniel Carter Beard Mall, Evergreen Community Garden, Flushing Greens, Kissena Corridor Park, Lewis H Latimer House, Maple Playground, Margaret I. Carman Green - Weeping Beech