Grassroots Groups Application

Purpose of Fund
To equitably provide support to nonprofits and community groups of all sizes that provide essential maintenance, stewardship, public programming, and management of parks, community gardens, and open spaces across the five boroughs of New York City.

Timeline and reporting
The application deadline is 11:59 PM on June 19th* with notification starting in July. After the application deadline, projects will be accepted on a rolling basis and considered as funding allows. (Note: this deadline was originally June 12th and has been extended by 1 week)

Projects must be completed within one year of funding receipt, with required reporting at 9 months and project completion.

Eligibility
Community groups and organizations with budgets typically in the $10,000/year range are eligible to apply through the Grassroots Groups Application. Groups do not need to be a 501(c)(3) organization. Examples of eligible applicants include:

● Parks groups
● Community garden groups
● Organizations stewarding open spaces (including public plazas, water bodies, etc.)

If you are concerned about which application to submit, please contact NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org

Types of support
● To support stewardship related service projects and supplies
● To provide emergency-related needs (e.g., Personal Protective Equipment, enhanced sanitation measures, remote volunteer training, etc.)

We do not fund: Electioneering, lobbying, or litigation.

Grant sizes:
● Grants may be awarded in amounts of $500, $1,000 or $1,500.
  ○ Grants for $1,000+ must include a stewardship service project component

Criteria
Funding decisions will be based on:
● Impact of COVID-19 on community and the green space served
● High-need population/community served (as defined by age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, access to green space)
● Established relationship with NYC Parks, NYS Parks, U.S. National Park Service, NYC Economic Development Corporation, NYC Department of Transportation; NYC Department of Environmental Preservation; Metropolitan Transit Authority; Partnerships for Parks; GreenThumb; New York Restoration Project; The Hort

Fund Management
City Parks Foundation will house the Fund and it will be governed by a Steering Committee of funders and an
Advisory Committee of representatives from varying-sized organizations.

For more information visit CityParksFoundation.org or email NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org