



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 has been extended to June 19th at 11:59pm. Notifications will start in late July.

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 up to \$10,000/ year 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

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