



**NYC GREEN RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND ANNOUNCES \$347,500 IN SUPPORT FOR 128 GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER GROUPS AND 4 NONPROFITS CARING FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN NYC IN SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING**

**THREE NEW FUNDERS HAVE SIGNED ON TO SUPPORT THE GROWING FUND, TOTAL ESTIMATED NEED IS \$40 MILLION**

*Funding will support nonprofits and volunteer-led groups who help care for New York City's parks and open spaces as the pandemic continues and parks usage continues to grow*

**August 5, 2020 -- New York, NY --** Today, a growing coalition of corporations and national, family, and community foundations announced the selection of 128 grant recipients through the [NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund](#)'s second round of funding. The NYC-based organizations will receive \$132,500 total in grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to support emergency needs such as mask distribution and stewardship supplies for volunteers in parks, gardens, open spaces across the five boroughs of New York City.

The 128 recipients were selected through an open call and application process. Grantees are located in all five boroughs of New York City. Funded projects range from updates to community gardens, mask purchases for volunteers and distribution to the public, and volunteer service projects to remove debris from parks. The Fund is being administered by City Parks Foundation.

In addition to the grassroots volunteer groups, an additional four nonprofits were selected for funding totaling \$215,000. These grants ranged from \$20,000 to \$120,000 including support for youth development programs, park stewardship and removal of invasive species, and gardening supplies and equipment to help address food insecurity.

**Grassroots grant recipients include:**

11th Street Community Garden  
462 Halsey Community Farm  
500 Men Making a Difference  
500 West 150th St Block Association  
57 Old Timers Inc.  
6/15 Green

830 Amsterdam Avenue Pride  
Art in the Park  
B89th Street/RBNY Locals  
Block Association #81  
Boogie Down Bronx Runners  
Bronx Park East Community Association  
Bronx Sole  
BronxRockets  
Campos Community Garden  
Classon Ful-Gate Block Association Garden  
Clean Bushwick Initiative  
Concrete Friends  
Conference House Park Conservancy Inc.  
Creative Little Gardens, Inc.  
Davidson Avenue Community Garden  
DIVAS for Social Justice  
Dog Run 142 User Group  
Dorothy McGowan Memorial Garden  
Downtown Bronx Eco Development  
Eagle Slope Community Garden  
Earth Citizens Club of Queens, NY  
East New York Dog Lovers Inc  
Edgecombe Avenue Tree Support Group  
Farmers Garden  
First Street Green  
Fort Hill Park Residents Association  
Fresh Creek Civic Association  
Friends of 4 Parks Alliance Inc.  
Friends of Alley Pond Park  
Friends of Aqueduct Walk  
Friends of Brookville Park/National Association of University Women  
Friends of Corlears Hook Park  
Friends of Devoe Park  
Friends of Downtown Parks NYC, Inc.  
Friends of Francis Lewis Park  
Friends of Inwood Hill Park  
Friends of J Hood Wright Park  
Friends of Juniper Valley Park  
Friends of Mariners Harbor  
Friends of Mosholu Parkland  
Friends of North Pacific Playground and Garden  
Friends of Pelham Parkway  
Friends of Pier 35

Friends of Rochdale Parks  
Friends of Sherman Creek Conservancy Inc.  
Friends of Soundview Park  
Friends of St. Mary's Park  
Friends of St. Nicholas Park  
Friends of Summit Playground  
Friends Of Thomas J Cuite Park  
Friends of Tompkinsville Park  
Friends of Tremont Park  
Garden of Happiness  
Gates Garden  
Grant Ave Community Garden  
Greene Garden  
GreenSpace @ President St  
GrowBrooklynGreen  
Harlem Rose Garden  
Hattie Carthan Community Garden  
Hill Street Community Garden  
HomeGrown Parks Volunteers  
Hope Steven Garden  
I.S. 318 Project Roots Community Garden  
Imani Community Garden  
jackson forest community garden  
Jacob H. Schiff Playground Neighborhood Association  
Kelly Street Block Association Inst  
Kew Kids  
Know Waste Lands Community Garden  
Lincoln Road Garden Volunteers  
Long Live Linden  
Lydia's Magic Garden  
Manhattan Land Trust  
Melrose New Generation community Garden  
Minetta Churchill Partners  
Moffat Street Community Garden  
Morning Glory Garden  
Mujeres en Movimiento  
Muslim Volunteers for New York, Inc.  
Natural Resources Protective Association  
Newkirk Community Garden  
North Longfellow United Block Association  
Not Just Hoops, Inc.  
NYRP Clay Avenue Garden  
NYSoM Group

Olivet Heavenly Harvest  
Owl's Head Park Volunteers  
Pacific Street Brooklyn Bear's Community Garden  
Padre Plaza success community Garden  
Parent Child Relationship Association  
Parque de Tranquilidad  
Project Harmony, inc.  
Prospect Heights Community Farm  
Rainbow Garden of Life and Health  
Red Hook Conservancy  
Ridgewood Community Garden  
Riverdale Main Streets Alliance Inc.  
Roberto Clemente Community Garden  
Roots Unbound  
RSP Service Inc.  
Savoy Park Tenants Association  
Small Bubbles  
Smiling Hogshead, Inc.  
South Bronx Skateboarding  
Sun Wind and Shade Oasis Community Garden  
Take Back the Bronx @ Mildred T. Rhodebeck community garden  
Teddy Bear Project  
The Alley Pond Striders New York, Inc.  
The Dog Run at Saint Nicholas Park (SNP)  
The Morningside Park Conservancy  
The Parkside Plaza Committee  
TRASH project  
Two Coves Community Garden  
Union Street Garden and Community Development  
United Sports League  
Volunteers for Springfield Park, Inc  
Walton Park Community Garden Group  
Washington Heights/Inwood Food Council  
West 132nd St. Block Assoc.  
Women of Woodlawn  
Woodycrest Community Garden

**Nonprofit grant recipients include:**

Bronx River Alliance  
The Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Sol  
The Campaign Against Hunger  
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

To raise additional funds, parks and open space organizations are encouraged to consider crowdfunding through [ioby](#) (in our backyards). Matches may be available for NYC based organizations including through City Parks Foundation's Partnerships for Parks and NYC Green Fund supporter Con Edison. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

A coalition of open space stewardships groups estimated a shortfall in private revenue of as much as \$40 million this year, and this coalition is committed to growing the Fund significantly over the next several months. Those interested in donating to the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund may donate through the CPF website at ([cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund](http://cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund)).

Current contributions to the Fund total \$4 million and will be distributed over a three year period, with at least \$2.4 million planned for distribution this year to address urgent needs. Since the first round of the Fund was announced on June 17th, three new funders have joined the coalition.

The current list of funders includes:

Altman Foundation  
Booth Ferris Foundation  
Charina Endowment Fund  
Con Edison  
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation  
The J.M. Kaplan Fund  
The JPB Foundation  
Leon Levy Foundation  
The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust  
Libra Fund  
Lily Auchincloss Foundation  
The New York Community Trust  
Prospect Hill Foundation  
Rockefeller Brothers Fund  
The Tiffany & Co. Foundation  
Thompson Family Foundation

While the City has slashed the Parks Department's budget this year by 14%, the pandemic has shown that New Yorkers are heavily reliant on our parks and open spaces for fresh air, recreation, and mental health. The current proportion of the City budget dedicated to parks is at its lowest point since the 1970s. While the NYC Green Fund will help replace private funding losses, it cannot substitute for adequate public support for parks.

For more information on the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund, visit [cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund](http://cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund).

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### **About the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund**

The NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund will provide support to nonprofits and volunteer-led community groups that provide essential maintenance, stewardship, public programming, and management of parks and open spaces across the five boroughs of New York City. Organizations of all sizes are eligible for the Fund, with consideration given to budget and staff size, population and community served, amount of parkland maintained, and ability to serve as a resource to other organizations. The Fund is intended to grow, and we encourage those interested in supporting the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund to [donate now](#) or contact [NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org) for more information.

### **About City Parks Foundation**

At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs -- located in more than 400 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach 300,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.

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