



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 John Hancock 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
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).

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.

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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 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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