

# CityParks

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**CITY PARKS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
109 GRANTS THROUGH  
NYC GREEN RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND AND  
GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC**

**GRANT APPLICATION NOW OPEN FOR PARK VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

*Funding Awarded For Maintenance and Stewardship of Parks by Nonprofit Organizations and For Free Live Performances in Parks, Plazas, and Gardens Across NYC*

**July 8, 2021 - NEW YORK, NY** - City Parks Foundation announced today the selection of 109 grants through two competitive funding opportunities - the [NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund](#) and [GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC](#). More than ever before, New Yorkers have come to rely on parks and open spaces, the most fundamentally democratic and accessible of public resources. Parks are critical to our city's recovery and reopening - offering fresh air, recreation, and creativity - and a crucial part of New York's equitable economic recovery and environmental resilience. These grant programs will help to support artists in hosting free, public performances and programs in parks, plazas, and gardens across NYC, along with the nonprofit organizations that help maintain many of our city's open spaces. Both grant programs are administered by [City Parks Foundation](#).

The **NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund** will award nearly \$2M via 64 grants to NYC-based small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations. Grants will help to support basic maintenance and operations within heavily-used parks and open spaces during a busy summer and fall with the city's reopening. Notable projects supported by this fund include the Harlem Youth Gardener Program founded during summer 2020 through a collaboration between Friends of Morningside Park Inc., Friends of St. Nicholas Park, Marcus Garvey Park Alliance, & Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy to engage neighborhood youth ages 14-19 in

paid horticulture along with the Bronx River Alliance's EELS Youth Internship Program and Volunteer Program to invite thousands of Bronxites to participate in stewardship of the parks lining the river banks.

**NYC Green Fund Direct Relief Grantees:**

- Alice Austen House
- Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park
- BK ROT, Inc.
- Broadway Mall Association
- Bronx Land Trust
- Bronx River Alliance
- Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy
- Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
- Brooklyn Queens Land Trust
- Capitol District Management - 161 BID Association
- CatRock Ventures, Inc.
- City Growers, Inc.
- Concrete Safaris Inc.
- Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Alliance
- East New York 4 Gardens Inc.
- Fort Greene Park Conservancy & Friends of Commodore Barry Park
- Freshkills Park Alliance
- Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park
- Friends of Morningside Park Inc., Friends of St. Nicholas Park, Marcus Garvey Park Alliance, & Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy
- Friends of the High Line
- Gowanus Canal Conservancy
- Green Guerillas, Inc.
- Green-Wood Historic Fund
- Greenbelt Conservancy
- Guardians of Flushing Bay
- Harlem Grown, Inc.
- Harlem One Stop Inc.
- Hudson River Community Sailing
- Hudson River Park Friends
- Hunters Point Parks Conservancy
- Jackson Heights Beautification Group
- Lewis Latimer House Museum
- Lower East Side Ecology Center
- Marine Park Alliance Corp
- Morris-Jumel Mansion
- Myrtle Avenue BID
- Natural Areas Conservancy
- New Settlement
- New York Restoration Project
- Newtown Creek Alliance
- North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
- NYC H2O
- Parent-Child Relationship Association Inc.
- Prospect Park Alliance
- Queens Botanical Garden

- Queens County Farm Museum
- Queens Economic Development Corporation
- Randall's Island Park Alliance
- Riverside Park Conservancy
- Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
- Southern Queens Park Association, Inc.
- Success Garden Community Group
- Sunnyside District Management Association
- The Bronx is Blooming
- The Campaign Against Hunger
- The Forest Park Trust Inc.
- The Friends of Brownsville Parks
- The Friends of Governors Island
- The HOPE Program
- The Horticultural Society of New York
- United Community Centers, Inc.
- Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
- Washington Square Park Conservancy
- Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum & Friends of the Lott House

The **NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund** has also launched a new grant application for volunteer groups that help care for our parks and open spaces. Applications are due on July 21st and volunteer-led groups may apply for small grants of up to \$3,000. Grant guidelines are available at [cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund/](http://cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund/).

**GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC** will award 45 NYC-based organizations over \$225,000 in grant funds and in-kind production to support free performing arts and interactive programs and workshops in high-need and under-resourced parks, plazas and green spaces throughout NYC. Exciting programs supported by this fund include the *Morrisania Band Project* proposed to be held at Rev Lena Irons Unity Park and Westchester Square Plaza in the Bronx and *Sun Dae Day Daze* from *micca*, proposed to be held on the Rockaway Beach Boardwalk in Queens.

**GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC** grantee organizations and artists and proposed locations are below (note that some locations may vary depending on permit-approval):

#### **BRONX**

- Bombazo Dance Co, Inc.: Hunts Point Riverside Park
- BxArts Factory: Mullaly Park
- Dances For A Variable Population: Yolanda Garcia Park
- Friends of Pelham Bay Park: Pelham Bay Park
- ID Studio Theater: Roberto Clemente Plaza, Brook Park
- Juan Usera y La Tribu del Juey Sambuco, Music and Dance Ensemble and Arts in Education Company: Roberto Clemente Plaza, Fordham Plaza
- LEAP: Claremont Park
- Los Pleneros de la 21: Roberto Clemente Plaza
- Morrisania Band Project: Rev Lena Irons Unity Park, Westchester Square Plaza
- National Dance Institute: Jackie Robinson Park

- Silver Shoes Dance Club: Van Cortlandt Park

## **BROOKLYN**

- Algerian Musicians: Irving Square Park
- ArtBridge Projects: Phoenix Community Garden
- Arts & Democracy: Avenue C Plaza
- Bohio Music: Winthrop Playground
- Kings County Brass: Wingate Park, Hillel Plaza
- Mikaelle Aimée: Hamilton Metz Park, Imani Community Garden
- Nicole Tan: Bush Terminal Park
- Parent-Child Relationship Association Inc.: Leif Ericson Park
- PLG Arts, Inc.: Parkside Plaza
- Poppa and Momma Jones Historic Garden: Poppa and Momma Jones Historic Garden
- RoBurrage Productions: Amboy Neighborhood Garden
- STooPS: Potomac Playground
- Studio Architate: Parkside Plaza
- Theatre of the Oppressed NYC: Fulton Park
- Tropicalfete, Inc: Lincoln Terrace Park

## **MANHATTAN**

- ADVANCE/MORE Opera: 125th Street Plaza, Plaza de Las Americas
- Broadway for Arts Education: 125th Street Plaza
- Friends of St. Nicholas Park: St. Nicholas Park
- General Mischief Dance Theatre: Plaza de Las Americas
- Mundo Libre Music: Thomas Jefferson Park
- New York Chinese Cultural Center: Columbus Park, Seward Park

## **QUEENS**

- Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts: Diversity Plaza
- David Mills: Queensbridge Park
- East New York Restoration LDC: Spring Creek Park
- ESOTA: Laurelton West
- FANIKE! African Dance Troupe: Baisley Pond Park
- HERE Arts Center: Court Square Park
- m i c c a: Rockaway Beach Boardwalk
- Queensboro Dance Festival: Forest Park Bandshell, Windmuller Park, Queensbridge Park
- Thresh Inc.: Tudor Park
- Vincent and Patricia VP Foundation: Rufus King Park

## **STATEN ISLAND**

- Staten Island Urban Center: Tompkinsville Park

## **MULTI-BOROUGH**

- African Film Festival: Fulton Park, Clove Lakes Park
- J CHEN PROJECT: Sunset Park, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

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

In May 2020, a coalition of national, family, and community foundations launched the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund to support stewardship organizations that care for New York

City's parks and open spaces. The Fund is intended to respond to the most urgent needs facing the City's parks and open spaces, while spurring policy-makers to address ongoing systemic challenges, and provide adequate funding to maintain and improve them. The Fund was launched in response to the efforts of the Parks and Open Space Partners – NYC coalition to raise awareness of the financial impacts of the pandemic on open spaces. 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.

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### **About GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC**

**GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC** is designed to equitably provide financial, consulting and production support to NYC artists, arts groups, cultural, and community-based organizations and volunteer stewardship groups in all New York City boroughs. The fund awards cash grants and in-kind production to support free performing arts programs and workshops in NYC parks and plazas. The Culture in Parks and Plazas Coalition, composed of teams from **City Parks Foundation, Horticultural Society of New York, New Yorkers for Culture & Arts, NYC Department of Transportation, OpenCultureWORKS** and **Street Lab**, created this fund in order to activate and engage the green and public spaces of NYC with free live arts and cultural performances this summer and fall as our city reopens.

GREEN / ARTS LIVE NYC is made possible by the generous support of:

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**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 310,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.