



## **NYC GREEN RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND ANNOUNCES \$150,000 IN GRANTS FOR 112 GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER GROUPS CARING FOR PARKS AND GREEN SPACES ACROSS NYC**

### **NEW MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY OPENING IN OCTOBER FOR VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

*Funding supports local groups sustaining New York City's parks and open spaces as the pandemic enters a new phase and the parks system reels from last year's budget cuts and increased use*

**September 20, 2021 -- New York, NY --** Today, **City Parks Foundation** announced the selection of 112 grant recipients through the [NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund](#)'s grassroots grants program. These 112 NYC-based community groups will each receive a grant of up to \$3,000 to support environmental stewardship and health & wellness programs in parks, gardens, and open spaces. Grantees are distributed across New York City's five boroughs with a focus on Environmental Justice Areas identified through the Mayor's Office of Climate and Sustainability, where communities are disproportionately vulnerable to environmental injustices because of systemic racism and inequitable resource distribution.

The 112 recipients were selected through an open call and application process. Funded projects range from launching new gardens led by **Mujeres en Movimiento** in Corona, Queens and **Ujamaa Garden** in the Bronx to maintaining the dog runs at **Saint Nicholas Dog Run** in Harlem and **Maria Hernandez Dog Run** in Bushwick, Brooklyn with new tools, equipment, and gravel. Additionally, grants are supporting open streets and street tree stewardship by community groups including **West 103rd Street Open Street Community Coalition** in Manhattan as well as NYCHA property beautification projects including expanding the garden areas maintained by **Castle Hill Houses Tenant Associations** in the Bronx. The NYC Green Fund is administered by City Parks Foundation with the grassroots grants portion managed by Partnerships for Parks (PfP)—a joint program of City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks.

#### **Grassroots grant recipients include:**

##### **The Bronx**

Wakefield 4 Change - Wakefield Street Tree Revitalization Project  
Eastchester Road Community Garden - Eastchester Road Community Garden  
Havemeyer Garden Association - Havemeyer Garden  
Stewards of Ewen Park - Ewen Park  
Castle Hill Houses Tenants Association - Roxanne Reid Memorial Garden



Bruckner Mott Haven Garden - Bruckner Mott Haven Garden  
Friends of Tremont Park - Walter Gladwin Park  
Bronx Sole - St. James Park  
Concrete Friends - Concrete Plant Park  
Friends of Garden Kitchen Lab - Hunts Point Recreation Center  
Bringing The Peace Incorporated - RFT Community Peace Garden / 169th Street tree beds  
Future Star Productions - Crotona Park, Playground #9  
Woodycrest Community Garden - Woodycrest Community Garden  
Friends of 4 Parks Alliance, Inc. - Andrew Freedman Home, Joyce Kilmer Park, Franz Sigel Park, Macombs Dam, John Mullaly Park  
Mill Brook Garden - Mill Brook Houses  
Kelly Street Block Association - Street Trees on Kelly Street  
Stewards of Henry Hudson Park - Henry Hudson Park  
Encouragement and Enrichment Motivational Services - Alexander Alley  
Ujamaa Garden - Ujamaa Garden  
Friends of Astin Jacobo / Mapes Baseball Field - Mapes Baseball Field  
BronxRockets - Mullaly's Park  
Padre Plaza Success Community Garden - Padre Plaza community garden  
Woodlawn Collective - Muskrat Cove - Bronx Park - along the Bronx River

### **Queens**

Discovery Community Garden 1 - Discovery Community Garden 1  
Flushing Community Cleanup - James A. Bland Playground  
Ridgewood Community Garden - Ridgewood Community Garden  
Friends of Noonan Playground - Thomas P. Noonan Jr. Playground  
Friends of Alley Pond Park - Alley Pond Park  
Moore Jackson Community Garden - Moore Jackson Community Garden  
Edgemere Coalition Community Garden - Edgemere Coalition Community Garden  
Voluntad - Street Trees of Beach 43rd street and Beach Channel Drive  
Kissena Synergy Velodrome Friends Group - Kissena Park Velodrome  
Abuela Neighborhood Maintenance - Hollis Playground  
Mujeres en Movimiento - Salud en Movimiento  
Seagirt Ave. & Friends Block Association - Beach 30th Street Playground  
Tree of Life Organic Garden - Tree of Life Organic Garden  
The Community Serenity Garden - The Community Serenity Garden  
Friends of Francis Lewis Park - Francis Lewis Park  
SEQ Cleanup - Roy Wilkins Park & Recreation Center  
Two Coves Community Garden - Two Coves Community Garden  
Friends of MacDonald Park - Friends of MacDonald Park



Ayan Consulting Inc. DBA Kew Kids Forest School - Forest Park  
Forest Hills Tree Stewards - Yellowstone Park, Ehrenreich Park, Willow Lake park, Annadale Park  
The Compost Collective - Queens 4 Block 3150 Lot 78  
Greater TriAngular Civic Association - Baisley Blvd. Foch Blvd Montauk Street  
Friends Of Benninger Playground - Benninger Playground  
Sunnyside Community Garden - Sunnyside Community Garden

### **Brooklyn**

Friends of Asser Levy Park - Asser Levy Park  
1100 Block Bergen Street Community Garden - 1100 Block Bergen Street Community Garden  
Gates Garden - Gates Garden  
57 Old Timers Inc - Jesse Owens Playground  
Cooper Street Block Association Garden - Cooper Street Block Association Garden  
Friends of Cooper Park - Cooper Park  
The New York State Marine Education Association - Kaiser Park  
Evergreen Lots (EL) Community Garden - Evergreen Lots (EL) Garden  
Triple R. Garden - Triple R Garden  
Imani Community Garden (Imani II) - Imani Community Garden  
Union Street Garden - Union Street Garden  
The Essence Of Jayce, Inc. - Weeksville Playground  
Friends of Saratoga Park - Saratoga Park  
Prospect Heights Community Farm. - Prospect Heights Community Farm  
Maria Hernandez Park Dog Run Pack - Maria Hernandez Park  
Canarsie Neighborhood Community Garden - Canarsie Park  
Owl's Head Park Volunteers - Owl's Head Park  
The Good Life Garden - The Good Life Garden  
HQ Tennis Foundation - Jackie Robinson Park Playground  
Woodbine Street Block Association & Garden - Woodbine Street Block Association Garden  
Slow Food NYC - Ujima Garden  
Sunset Park Tree Care - Sunset Park Street Trees  
O'dwyer Gardens Resident Association - O'Dwyer Gardens  
Phoenix Community Garden - Phoenix Community Garden  
Bulletrun - Wingate Park  
Pacific Street Brooklyn Bears Community Garden - Pacific Street Bears Community Garden  
Concerned Residents of Barbey Street Garden - Barbey Street & Glenmore Ave  
Ingersoll Garden of Eden - Ingersoll Garden of Eden  
Stewards for Shore Pkwy - Shore Parkway  
My Friends Place NY, Inc. - Seth Low Playground



Friends of John Hancock Children Playground - John Hancock Children Playground

### **Staten Island**

Conference House Park Conservancy Inc - Conference House Park

Staten Island Therapeutic Gardens - Mahoney Park

Port Richmond Strong Civic Association - Veterans Park

New York Community League - Freshkills Park

### **Manhattan**

Friends of Corlears Hook Park - Corlears Hook Park

Saint Nicholas Dog Run - St. Nicholas Park

Morris-Jumel Community Garden - Morris-Jumel Community Garden

PROJECT HARMONY, INC - The Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial Garden

William B. Washington Memorial Garden - William B. Washington Memorial Garden

Friends of J Hood Wright Park - Haven Avenue, Fort Washington Park, J Hood Wright Park

W. 132nd St. Community Garden - West 132nd Street Community Garden

Art in the Park - Alice Kornegay Triangle Park

Green and Blue Eco Care - East Harlem street trees and Thomas Jefferson Park

Malcolm X Boulevard Beautification Group - Fred Samuel Playground, Malcolm X Boulevard Medians

Neighbors United of West 132nd Street Block Association - Street trees stewardship in Harlem

Friends of St. Nicholas Park - St. Nicholas Park

Friends of Montgomery Triangle Park - Montgomery Triangle Park

NYRP: The Herb Garden - NYRP The Herb Garden

Washington Heights & Inwood (WHIN) Food Council - Riley Levin Children's Garden in Swindler's Cove

Marcus Garvey Dog Run - Marcus Garvey Park Dog Run

Friends of Pier 35 - Pier 35

FLEX-N-POETTREE - El Barrio Community Garden

Friends of Gulick Park - Luther Gulick Park and Playground

Mobilization for Change Garden - Mobilization for Change Community Garden

NYCHA-Dewitt Clinton Houses - Basketball Court NYCHA Dewitt Clinton Houses

Friends of Colonel Young Park/Malcolm X Community Improvement Association - Colonel Charles Young Playground

Friends of Art Park Alliance Inc. - Harlem Art Park

St. Nicholas Miracle Garden - St. Nicholas Miracle Garden

Jacob H. Schiff Playground Neighborhood Association - Jacob H. Schiff Playground

West 103rd Street Open Street Community Coalition - West 103rd Street Open Street

Green Oasis Community Garden - Green Oasis/Gilberts Community Garden



Harlem River Community Rowing - Harlem River  
Carver Community Garden - Carver Community Garden  
New York City Mountain Bike Association - Highbridge Bike Park

The grants program also includes the launch of a new collaboration with [ioby](#) (in our backyards) for NYC Green Fund grantees to crowdfund for additional support. The NYC Green Fund Crowdfunding Challenge will launch in early October. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will stay open as long as funds remain available. The NYC Green Fund will match funds raised up to \$2,500 per grantee. For more information on the funding opportunity, please sign up for updates on City Parks Foundation's website at [cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund](http://cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund).

#### **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](mailto:NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org) for more information.

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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 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.

### **About Partnerships for Parks**

Partnerships for Parks is a unique public-private partnership between City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks that supports and champions neighborhood volunteers by giving them the tools they need to advocate and care for their neighborhood parks and green spaces. More information about Partnership for Parks is available at [www.partnershipsforparks.org](http://www.partnershipsforparks.org).

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