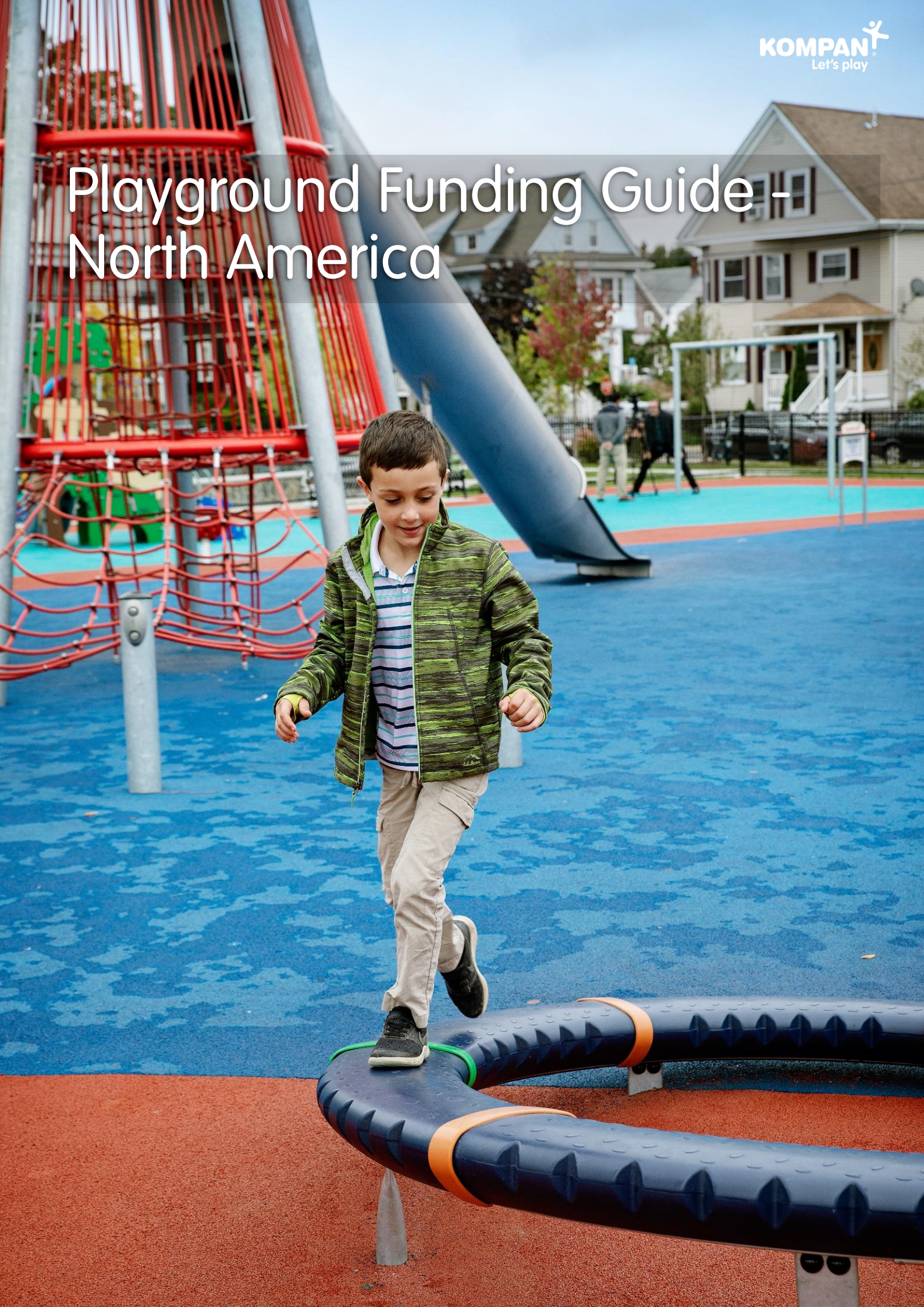


Playground Funding Guide - North America



Introduction

You've made the first steps in helping your community become a happier, healthier place in your commitment to a new playground. Congratulations!

Your budget will be a major consideration for your project, and a **playground grant** (a financial gift from a government program, foundation, or corporation) could be key funding that takes your project to the next level, *at no cost to you*.

As your partner in play and fitness, KOMPAN has created this playground grant guide to walk you through each step of the process. Once you've got a thorough understanding and are ready to get started, scroll through the list of national and local grant opportunities we've gathered for you.

Soon enough, those applications will be on their way! Would you still prefer to have an expert by your side? Click [here](#) to find a local playground consultant waiting to help with your playground journey.



6 steps playground grant application process



The Six Steps to a Successful Grant Application

Start here to secure additional funding for your playground

1. Get the right experts on your side

We recommend getting your local KOMPAN playground consultant involved in the process as early as possible. We have extensive knowledge of the grant application process and can often guide you in the right direction in a timely manner. We can assist you with the fundamentals of the application, like project visualization and cost breakdown. Finally, consider involving the true play experts, the children, to hear what they'd like to see in their play space.

2. Bring in project collaborators

We highly recommend having a team around you for support during the application process. If you are applying for a playground grant for schools, getting your parent-teacher organization involved as the core team can be beneficial. We've learned from experience that nonprofit organizations are more likely to secure funding. Therefore, it's a good idea to have them along for the application process.

3. Decide on Budget & Design

The design of your project can have a major impact on your budget. Your consultant can help you set realistic expectations that still deliver the WOW factor you're envisioning with the playground of your dreams. Many grants would like to see the playground project design and a breakdown of costs. We're here to help you with both.

4. Start Networking

Networking is a great way to form relationships that can lend to business opportunities, and it certainly applies to the playground grant process. More stakeholders than you know can help fund your project, especially within your local community. Get in touch with local business associations or families and parent groups in the area, as they can all participate in the grant process.

5. Complete Applications

You've decided your budget and have all the details in place. Now, your playground project is ready to be presented to the stakeholders for the final sign-off. Once approved, you can start applying for grants. Make sure to go for multiple kinds of funds, as both the size and requirements of the grants will vary.

6. Get your grant money!

Don't be discouraged if every application isn't accepted! Applying multiple times for grants is not uncommon, so remember all good things come to those who wait! You've done the research and the work, so a playground grant should be on its way, and soon after, the playground of your dreams!

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National Grants & Funding

[Aegon Transamerica Foundation](#)

Grant applications are accepted throughout the calendar year; however, the year-end deadline is November 1, and applications received after this date will be considered during the following calendar year.

[Allen Foundation](#)

The Allen Foundation gives preference to proposals that train children and young adults to improve their health by forming good nutritional habits at an early age. Proposals will need to contain a nutritional focus, such as building a playground as part of a program to teach healthy lifestyles. Preference may be given to proposals that include matching funds from the institution or other partners, including in-kind contributions.

[Allstate Foundation](#)

Those who volunteer four to sixteen hours with an organization can earn **\$500 or \$1,000** to support their cause.

[American Express Grant Program](#)

This program promotes diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforces and communities.

[The AnnMarie Foundation Awards](#)

Funding is available to elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as preschools and day-care facilities.

[Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Program](#)

ARC's Area Development program relies on a flexible "bottom up" approach to economic development, empowering Appalachian communities to work with their state governments to design impactful investment opportunities supporting mission and investment priorities.

[Bank of America Foundation](#)

This foundation aims to build thriving communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic mobility, including workforce development and education, community development and basic needs.

[Bank of the West Charitable Investments Program](#)

Nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and communities should apply for this on average **\$100,000 grant**.

[Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives.

[Campbell Soup Foundation](#)

The foundation works to build and support healthy, thriving communities by providing grants throughout North America.

[Carol M. White Physical Education Program \(PEP\)](#)

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides grants to Local Educational Agencies and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance phys-ed programs, including before and after school, and summer programs for K - 12th grade students. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress their state standards for physical education.

[Charles Stewart Mott Foundation](#)

This organization funds efforts to expand learning opportunities and supports for children, particularly those from low- and moderate-income communities.

[Citizens Bank Charitable Grants Program](#)

This program awards nonprofits organization based in Eastern or Western Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or Rhode Island that addresses a specific social concern announced during the year.

[Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities.

[Community and Economic Development Program](#)

This program focuses on low-income communities and small communities with a population of 5,500 or less .

[The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division](#)

The organization provides the National Park Service and local communities with cost effective, partnership-based support in achieving America's conservation and outdoor recreation goals.

Congressionally authorized programs that the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division oversees provide local, and regional, communities with technical support in conserving land and waters, and developing close to home recreation opportunities.

[CSX Beyond Our Rails – Giving Gateway](#)

The online application for Community Service Grants is open from Jan. 1 through Dec. 15 each year. Every effort will be made to respond to applications within 30–45 days. Suggested Ranges are **\$1,000 to \$5,000**

[Darden Restaurants Foundation Grants](#)

These grants focus on those working on sustainability efforts.

Amount: \$5,000-\$100,000

[The Dekko Foundation Grants](#)

This grantmaking is focused on projects that support the healthy development of children from birth to age 18.

National Grants & Funding

[Entergy's Open Grants Program](#)

The goal of the Entergy Charitable Foundation (ECF) is to support initiatives that help create and sustain thriving communities. The focus areas for foundation funding are education/workforce development, poverty solutions and environmental programs.

[Environmental Education Grants](#)

Every year, EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding for grants and other assistance agreements. From small non-profit organizations to large state governments, EPA works to help many visionary organizations achieve their environmental goals.

[Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation](#)

The Kauffman Foundation is open to new ideas and innovative project submissions at any time throughout the year. We do not have proposal deadlines or established maximum and minimum dollar amounts. Grant amounts vary depending on the scope of the specific project and the size of the organization.

[Fuel Up to Play 60 \(FUTP 60\)](#)

Fuel Up to Play 60 is the nation's leading youth wellness program empowering students, parents and educators to work together to build healthier communities.

[Kaiser Permanente Community Health Initiatives](#)

These grants support innovative efforts to increase nutritious foods, physical activity, economic vitality, safety, and wellness in local schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

[Kerr Foundation Grants](#)

Grants will award education, health, and cultural development and support 501(c)(3) organizations and institutions that provide new or enhanced opportunities for those within areas.

[The Knight Community Foundation Program](#)

This network of grants awards a wide array of topics from community to education but specializes in technology.

[Kiwanis International Foundation](#)

Kiwanis Children's Fund offers several grants to support causes of health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

[L.L. Bean Conservation and Recreation Grants](#)

These grants support a healthy outdoor lifestyle, as well as those who seek to preserve precious natural resources and focus on the various needs in communities

[Mattel Children's Foundation](#)

The community support from this organization aims to help provide unforgettable memories for kids in need by overcoming barriers to play.

[MetLife Foundation](#)

This foundation awards nonprofits committed to building stronger communities by expanding opportunities for low- and moderate-income people around the world.

[Nike Employee Grant Fund](#)

The company support projects that promote sport or physical activity in the community.

Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

[Quality of Life Grants](#)

These grants help nonprofit organizations that impact and empower people living with paralysis. **Amount: Up to \$25,000**

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grants](#)

These grants fund research to deepen the understanding of some of America's greatest health challenges and identify new approaches to bring about meaningful change.

[Rotary District Simplified Grants](#)

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community.

[Safeco Community Grants](#)

These grants award up to **\$3,000** for nonprofits seeking to improve their communities.

[Shade Structure Grant program](#)

This program funds permanent shade structures for schools, daycares, parks, and other non-profit organizations where children learn and play.

[Shane's Inspiration](#)

This organization creates social inclusion for children with disabilities through the creation of inclusive playgrounds and educational programs that unite children of all abilities.

[Union Pacific Foundation Grants](#)

The program or project for which grant funds are sought must primarily benefit a community that is served by Union Pacific. Specifically, the grants funds organizations that support local economies by building and enhancing community spaces.

[Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation Awards](#)

The awards fund organizations that support their communities through education and youth development; environmental stewardship; civic and cultural growth; and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

\$1,000 Minimum

[Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Grants](#)

Wells Fargo provide grants to nonprofit organizations working to strengthen the resiliency of communities and the planet.

[Zanvyl & Isabelle Krieger Fund](#)

This fund focuses on supporting families with very young children ages birth to three years old. **Amount: \$2,500-\$25,000**

Grants & Funding by State

Alabama – District of Columbia

Alabama

[Alabama Power Foundation Grants](#)

The project addresses a need in at least one of the five initiatives: Educational Advancement, Civic and Community Development, Arts and Cultural Enrichment, Health and Human Services and Environmental Stewardship. The project has the potential to lead to permanent improvements in a community or in the state.

Alaska

[Rasmuson Foundation](#)

This program primarily supports capital projects (have supported playgrounds in the past) Religious organizations may be eligible if their project has broad community impact.

Arizona

[Youth Service America - Fighting Childhood Obesity](#)

Variety of grants that support active healthy childhoods

[Arizona Department of Education Grants](#)

The Arizona Department of Education facilitates grants and funding that support schools at both the state and federal level.

Arkansas

[Winthrop Rockefeller Fund](#)

This grantmaking foundation is committed to funding strategies that advance economic, educational, social, ethnic, and racial equity for all Arkansans.

Arkansas

[Blue and Your Grants](#)

Blue & You grants are **\$5,000 to \$200,000** grants awarded to community partners committed to making the lives of Arkansans healthier. The Foundation offers three grant cycles focused on – Behavioral Health, Maternal and Pediatric Health, Social Determinants of Health.

[Rural Arkansas Community Grant](#)

Applicants from incorporated towns of less than 3,000 in population and unincorporated rural areas are eligible for up to **\$15,000** in matching funds under this program. IN the past, communities received funds for

baseball/softball fields, community centers, park and playground equipment, pavilions, picnic tables, and more.

California

[Annenberg Foundation](#)

The foundation is committed to the core values of equity, diversity, responsiveness, accessibility, equality, inclusion, and fairness.

[Building Healthy Communities](#)

Grants are awarded to organizations that improve the health of Californians. 501(c)(3), California state and local government entities, and faith-based organizations that welcome all members of the community can apply.

[The David & Lucile Packard Foundation](#)

The Local Grant Program provides support across five counties (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey) in an effort to create opportunities for people to access resources and services that allow them to be strong, resilient, explore, grow, and thrive. By partnering with nonprofit organizations, we're working to achieve our collective vision of a region that is home to strong families, thriving youth, and vibrant communities.

[Everychild Foundation Grant](#)

Funds are awarded to innovative projects that target a specific, critical unmet need of the children in Los Angeles County.

[McConnell Foundation Grants](#)

This organization awards grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public education institutions, and government entities located in the giving area of Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties. Areas of emphasis include youth & education, sustainable/livable communities, and more.

Colorado

[Adolph Coors Foundation Grants](#)

All applicants must be classified as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. The organization focuses on youth and youth development issues.

[Colorado Health Foundation](#)

These grants reward those who create health equity for underserved Coloradans.

[El Pomar Foundation Grants](#)

El Pomar is a general-purpose foundation that contributes more than \$25 million annually through grants to nonprofit organizations and government equivalents across Colorado.

[Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund](#)

Community Impact Grants are awarded to develop and revitalize parks, trails, schoolyards, fairgrounds, environmental education facilities, and other outdoor projects that enhance a community's quality of life and access to the outdoors.

Connecticut

[Hartford Foundation Regular Grants](#)

This foundation works with nonprofit organizations to bring about lasting change in its community.

[Small Town Economic Assistance Program](#)

The STEAP funds economic development, community conservation and quality-of-life capital projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds.

Delaware

[Delaware Community Fund](#)

The DCF awards millions of dollars in grants to support the work of nonprofits addressing Delaware's greatest needs and opportunities, with an eye to building opportunity and advancing equity.

District of Columbia

[Office of Partnerships & Grant Services](#)

Each year \$7 million dollars in funding is distributed to qualified community-based organizations in the District of Columbia through the outreach offices of the Mayor's Office on Community Affairs. These outreach offices manage community grant programs and work with grantees to implement programs focused priorities for District residents, including education, health and wellness, and youth engagement.

Grants & Funding by State

Florida - Iowa

Florida

[Land and Recreation Grants](#)

The grant program promotes programs that foster partnerships to enhance and sustain Florida's natural and cultural resources and provide increase outdoor recreational opportunities for Florida's residents and visitors.

[PGA Players Red Coats Grants](#)

This program is designed to fund smaller projects for nonprofit organizations in northeast Florida. The Community Grant awards range from **\$2,500 to \$15,000**.

[St. Johns County Rescue Plan Act](#)

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners allocated more than \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to United Way of St. Johns County to assist local nonprofit agencies in expanding social services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Volusia ECHO](#)

The ECHO program provides grant funds to finance acquisition, restoration, construction or improvement of projects to be used for environmental, cultural, historical and outdoor recreational purposes.

Georgia

[Robert W. Woodruff Foundation Grant](#)

This program seeks to improve the quality of life in Georgia by investing in health, education, economic opportunity, and community vitality.

[Park Pride](#)

Park Pride's Grantmaking Program is designed to support Friends of the Park groups taking on larger projects as they grow and develop capacity. **Awards are available from \$250 to \$100,000 or more** for capital improvements that include playgrounds, ADA upgrades, exercise equipment, green infrastructure, and much more!

Hawaii

[Legacy Land Conservation Program \(LLCP\)](#)

The LLCP distributes funds through a competitive grant process for purchasing land and conservation easements that protect the following: Agricultural, coastal, cultural/historic sites, habitats, natural areas, open space/scenic areas, parks, outdoor recreation/hunting, and watershed. County and nonprofit recipients must match funds that cover at least 25% of the total award.

Idaho

[Cambia Health Foundation](#)

The foundation aims to advance equity by investing in behavioral health access in underserved communities across Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

[Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation](#)

Through family leadership and low costs, the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation has maximized the funds that can be provided through two main efforts, a scholarship program and a competitive grants program.

Illinois

[Carver Charitable Trust Grant Program](#)

Grants are awarded to those addressing the educational and recreational needs of youth.

[Community Needs Grants Program](#)

Through the Community Needs Grants program, the DeKalb County Community Foundation supports the charitable needs and efforts of nonprofit and public sector organizations throughout DeKalb County, Illinois.

[Illinois PARC Grants](#)

The Park and Recreational Facility Construction Act (PARC) provides grants to eligible local governments for park and recreation unit construction projects and land acquisition.

[Space to Grow \(Chicago\)](#)

Space to Grow prioritizes vulnerable, underserved schools and communities. uses very focused selection criteria to identify schools and communities that most urgently need outdoor spaces for physical activity and are most directly

located in areas with severe neighborhood flooding caused by combined sewer overflows.

Indiana

[Indiana Community Improvement/Development Grants](#)

The SIA Foundation, Inc. is committed to making gifts to qualifying 501(c) 3 organizations within the State of Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help meet the needs of the state's residents.

[The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County Grant Program](#)

This program awards nonprofit organizations serving the citizens of St. Joseph County and encourages projects in the following areas: community development, health and human services, parks and recreation, environment, and youth and education.

[Ball Brothers Foundation](#)

Ball Brothers Foundation funds areas focused on arts, culture, and humanities; education; environment; health; human services; and public society benefit.

Iowa

[Carver Charitable Trust Grant Program](#)

This Iowan grant program awards those addressing the educational and recreational needs of youth.

[Peter Kiewit Foundation Grants](#)

Organizations will be rewarded that are aiming to create opportunities for people to live in and help build strong and vibrant communities, achieve economic success, and enjoy a high quality of life.

[Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation](#)

The Kimmel Foundation provides funds to organizations in Nebraska and Iowa that are exempt from tax and classified as public charities by the Internal Revenue Service, giving highest priority to proposals for funding in education, arts, and more.

Grants & Funding by State

Kansas - Massachusetts

Kansas

[Kansas Health Foundation](#)

The Recognition Grant aims to assist organizations and agencies proposing meaningful projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving health of all Kansans. Grants offered are up to \$25,000 per organization. Using a competitive process, the Foundation awards as much as \$2 million annually. Applications are due March 15 and September 15 each year.

[Kansas Land Water ORLP Grants](#)

The ORLP grant program is funded through the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service. Created in 2014, the program seeks to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in economically-disadvantaged communities. **Amount: \$300,000**

Kentucky

[Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation](#)

Every year, the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation aims to distribute more than \$2 million to make meaningful philanthropic change to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Government entities, churches, schools, and 501(c)(3) organizations are invited to submit applications for projects that address the educational, civic, and cultural needs of the area.

Louisiana

[Baton Rouge Area Foundation](#)

Funded by people who want to make the world a better place, this foundation offers grants to nonprofits in hopes to better the lives of people in south Louisiana. One of the largest community foundations in America, BRAF serves more than 600 fund donors and takes on projects for civic good, inner-city revival, urban planning, and education reform.

[Greater New Orleans Foundation](#)

The foundation aims to connect donors to causes that speak to them through its variety of programs and create positive impact through philanthropy, leadership, and action.

[Como Foundation](#)

The Foundation gives special consideration to organizations in Franklin Parish, and the surrounding area, and supports a variety of programs in the fields of human services and education. Priority is given to funding capital projects and human resource improvement programs with well-defined objectives and timetables and promising broad public benefits. **Amount: \$250,000**

Maine

[Conservation for All Maine](#)

The Conservation for All grant program invests in organizations and projects that build strong connections between people in Maine and our land and water. The Maine outdoors is a uniquely special place, and we believe it is for everyone. **Amount: \$15,000**

[Edwin S. Webster Foundation](#)

The foundation normally meets twice a year, in the fall and spring, to consider requests for capital programs, special projects or operating income. It is the policy of the trustees to support charitable organizations that are well known, with emphasis on hospitals, medical research, education, youth agencies, cultural activities, and programs addressing the needs of minorities.

[Hannaford Charitable Foundation](#)

This northeast supermarket chain's charity organization invests in creating and sustaining healthy communities. The foundation focuses on improving quality of life through food, education, and health.

[Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund](#)

This fund awards organizations that promote recreation as well as conservation of Maine's special places.

Maryland

[The Abell Foundation](#)

The Foundation has a strong commitment to the PreK-12 public education system with a focus on increasing achievement for city students

Massachusetts

[Albert W. Rice Charitable Foundation](#)

This foundation supports and promotes quality educational, human services, and health care programming for underserved populations.

[Amelia Peabody Foundation](#)

The primary mission of the Amelia Peabody Foundation is to increase the number, range, and depth of positive learning experiences available to materially disadvantaged young people living in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. **Amount: \$50,000**

[Community Preservation Fund](#)

The Massachusetts legislature passed the Community Preservation Act in 2000. The law gave individual cities and towns a chance to mount a ballot campaign to add a surcharge on real estate taxes. The money raised through Community Preservation supports capital projects in three categories for local communities: (1) historic preservation, (2) affordable housing, and (3) parks and open space, including outdoor recreation facilities. **Amount: \$36M**

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Grants & Funding by State

Massachusetts – New Hampshire

Massachusetts (cont.)

[Hannaford Charitable Foundation](#)

This northeast supermarket chain's charity organization invests in creating and sustaining healthy communities. The foundation focuses on improving quality of life through food, education, and health.

[Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts](#)

The Activation Fund supports discrete one-year projects in Central Massachusetts that activate creative and innovative approaches to alleviating community health concerns; a community organization's movement to the next level of capacity and effectiveness, which the organization can sustain; partnerships to address health issues with new strategies; and/or the exploration of emerging health challenges and opportunities. Requests are typically considered on an annual basis. **Amount:** \$100,000

[EEOST Fund](#)

The EEOST provides critical resources necessary to sustain the Commonwealth's essential childcare infrastructure. The FY23 EEOST Capital Fun special round will award grants between \$250k and \$500k to large group early education and out-of-school time programs to offset expenses for capital improvements.

Michigan

[Andersons Fund Supporting Organization Grants](#)

The Andersons Fund Supporting Organization enriches the quality of life for individuals and families in NW Ohio and SW Michigan with a particular emphasis on the greater Toledo area. Grants support organization with programs in education, social services, physical and mental health, neighborhood and urban affairs, natural resources, and the arts.

Minnesota

[Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation Grants](#)

FM Area Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that vary in size, mission, and vision that works toward creating a community where everyone thrives.

[The McKnight Foundation Grant Programs](#)

McKnight advances climate solutions in the Midwest; builds an equitable and inclusive Minnesota; and supports the arts, international crop research, and neuroscience.

Mississippi

[Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation Grants](#)

This award recognizes and rewards public schools with health policies and programs that promote healthy eating, physical activity, staff wellness, tobacco-free lifestyles among students and staff, and parental and community involvement.

Missouri

[Outdoor Recreation Grants](#)

Missouri State Parks administers three federally funded grant programs and one state funded grant program related to outdoor recreation.

Montana

[Natural Resources & Conservation Grants](#)

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's mission is to help ensure that Montana's land and water resources provide benefits for present and future generations.

[Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreation Grants](#)

The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal grants program established by the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. LWCF encourages a full partnership between national, state and local governments in planning and funding outdoor recreation projects.

Nebraska

[Ethel S. Abbot Charitable Foundation Grant Program](#)

This private foundations strives to lend a helping hand to 501(c)(3) organization trying to make a difference in people's lives. Requests of have granted to organizations with diverse areas of focus like, education, the arts, the environment, human services, the disadvantaged, sports and wellness programs.

[Peter Kiewit Foundation Grants](#)

These grants are awarded in four impact areas youth pathways to success, economic growth and opportunity, thriving places, and emergent issues, in which they invest in proven and promising programs, systemic solutions, capital projects, general operations, planning and capacity building, and policy development.

[Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation](#)

The Kimmel Foundation provides funds to organizations in Nebraska and Iowa that are exempt from tax and classified as public charities by the Internal Revenue Service, giving highest priority to proposals for funding in education, arts, and more.

Nevada

[NV Energy Foundation Grants](#)

The Foundation will prioritize issuing fewer grants at higher funding levels that align with our giving priorities and customer awareness goals. Grant priorities include, environment, education and youth development, and safety and wellness.

Grants & Funding by State

New Jersey– Oregon

New Hampshire

[Edwin S. Webster Foundation](#)

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New Jersey

[Columbia Bank Foundation](#)

One of the largest private corporate foundations in New Jersey, the foundation helps 501(c)(3) organizations make a difference by making communities stronger, better, and safer.

[RSI Foundation](#)

Continuing a history of community giving, the foundation works to elevate the neighborhood quality of life by supporting initiatives that contribute to the health, happiness, and well-being of people near Rahway, New Jersey.

[Robert and Joan Dircks Foundation](#)

In the past 30 years, the Foundation has given \$13.3 million to programs and projects that benefit those who are physically, mentally, or economically disadvantaged.

New Mexico

[Daniels Fund](#)

Founded by cable TV pioneer & entrepreneur Bill Daniels, the foundation is dedicated to making life better for the people in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through community investments in funding areas like early childhood education, amateur sports, and youth development.

New York

[George A. Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation](#)

The Mee Foundation invests in projects and programs of qualified nonprofit organizations that support the communities of Delaware County, New York; Cameron County, Pennsylvania; Broome County, New York; and occasionally the surrounding areas. The

general categories of funding include Education, Community and Recreation, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture.

[New York State Parks Grant Program](#)

The Parks program is for the acquisition, development and planning of parks and recreational facilities to preserve, rehabilitate, or restore lands.

[Surdna Foundation Grants](#)

Surdna Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations in three priority areas: Inclusive Economies, Sustainable Environments, and Thriving Cultures.

North Carolina

[The BCBSNC Foundation](#)

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation supports opportunities that advance work in Healthy Food, Early Childhood, Oral Health, and Healthy Communities

[The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund](#)

This fund provides grants to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the purposes of the LWCF.

North Dakota

[Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation](#)

the FM Area Foundation funds initiatives that make a positive impact by helping find innovative solutions to local challenges.

[North Dakota Community Foundation](#)

NDCF does not have a narrow area of focus. The Board looks at each project on its merits; however, they only award grants to organizations designated by the IRS Code as 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt groups or government agencies.

[The Winston-Salem Foundation Community Grants](#)

The Foundation makes three types of Community Grants to a wide variety of charitable organizations serving greater Forsyth County, North Carolina, in areas including community development, the arts, health, education, human services, and beyond.

Ohio

[Akron Community Foundation Grant Program](#)

Each quarter, the program requests applications to meet the community's most pressing needs in Arts & Culture, Civic Affairs, Health & Human Services, and Education.

[Andersons Fund Supporting Organization Grants](#)

The Andersons Fund Supporting Organization was to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan with a particular emphasis on the greater Toledo area. Grants support organizations with programs in the areas of education, social services, physical and mental health, neighborhood and urban affairs, natural resources, and the arts.

[Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#)

The Department of Natural Resources offers numerous grants on a wide variety of interests throughout the year.

Oklahoma

[Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust](#)

The voter-created endowment trust uses investment earnings to support efforts that improve the health of Oklahomans, specifically on reducing tobacco use and obesity. TSET awards grants to a wide variety of organizations, like schools, institutions, and communities.

Oregon

[Oregon Parks & Recreation Department](#)

Land and Water Conservation Fund awards grants pertaining to public outdoor facilities including trails, sports fields, playgrounds, picnic facilities, campgrounds, and park support facilities.

Grants & Funding by State

Pennsylvania - Virginia

Pennsylvania

[George A. Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation](#)

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[Highmark Foundation Grants](#)

This foundation supports initiatives and programs aimed at improving community health.

[The Harriet & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation](#)

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is dedicated to meeting the basic needs of people experiencing poverty. Grants focus on supporting organizations that serve older adults, women and children at risk, people with disabilities, veterans, and the Jewish community in the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Community Services.

Rhode Island

[Rhode Island Foundation](#)

This foundation funds opportunities that build a stronger community, from nearly everything from basic human needs to arts & culture.

South Carolina

[Park & Recreation Development Fund](#)

Recreation and Tourism administers several grant programs ranging from development of public recreational opportunities throughout the state to marketing support for qualified nonprofit organizations.

South Dakota

[South Dakota Community Foundation](#)

The South Dakota Community Foundation helps state nonprofits invest in their communities with a wide array of grant. State nonprofits can support culture, economic development, education, and health and human services opportunities with the unrestricted "South Dakota Fund."

Tennessee

[Tennessee Disability Coalition](#)

To help build a society that includes and values people with disabilities, the purpose of these grant are to build capacity in the disability community and to serve individuals with disabilities and their families.

Texas

[Amon G. Carter Foundation](#)

The Texas nonprofit corporation directs grants to projects and programs in Tarrant County, Texas, specifically to benefit education, health & medical services; human and social services; programs for the youth & elderly; and civic/community endeavors that enhance the quality of life.

[The Houston Endowment](#)

Houston Endowment is a private foundation partnering with others in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to improve quality of life for the residents of greater Houston.

[Texas Parks & Wildlife Local Parks Grant](#)

This program provides Texas government entities to acquire and/or develop public recreation spaces. Recipients can earn 50% matching grants through a reimbursement basis. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland and open to the public.

Utah

[Daniels Fund](#)

Founded by cable TV pioneer & entrepreneur Bill Daniels, the foundation is dedicated to making life better for the people in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through community investments

Vermont

[Edwin S. Webster Foundation](#)

The foundation normally meets twice a year, in the fall and spring, to consider requests for capital programs, special projects or operating income. It is the policy of the trustees to support charitable organizations that are well known, with emphasis on hospitals, medical research, education, youth agencies, cultural activities, and programs addressing the needs of minorities.

[Hannaford Charitable Foundation](#)

This northeast supermarket chain's charity organization invests in creating and sustaining healthy communities. The foundation focuses on improving quality of life through food, education, and health.

Virginia

[The Dennis Foundation](#)

The Dennis Foundation awards grants exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

[The Alleghany Foundation Grant Program](#)

The Alleghany Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization providing financial support to area nonprofits and local government entities to improve the quality of life in the Alleghany Highlands of Virginia.

Grants & Funding by State

Washington - Wyoming

Washington

[The Seattle Foundation](#)

Seattle Foundation offers a wide variety of grants to support local nonprofits. The foundation's priority is those organizations making meaningful, measurable change within the key areas of its Healthy Community Framework—from arts and culture to health and wellness

West Virginia

[Governor's Community Partnership Grants](#)

The program encourages and supports meaningful public improvements in communities throughout West Virginia.

Wisconsin

[Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin](#)

This foundation's grant-making covers a wide range of focus areas including education, community development, economic development, health and human services, arts and culture, the environment, and more.

Wyoming

[Myra Fox Skelton Foundation](#)

The foundation supports worthy charitable organizations operating in Wyoming, particularly those rendering services to and benefiting youth, health, education, and religion.

[Wyoming Community Foundation](#)

For over 30 years the Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) has connected people who care with causes that matter to build a better Wyoming. WYCF has granted nearly \$100 million to charitable causes while also providing a variety of supports to our nonprofit agency fund holders.

[Peter Kiewit Foundation Grants](#)

Organizations will be rewarded that are aiming to create opportunities for people to live in and help build strong and vibrant communities, achieve economic success, and enjoy a high quality of life.