Parks Capital and Open Space



Grant Purpose

The Parks Capital and Open Space grant program supports a range of projects_that expand and improve recreation opportunities for the region's growing population, including the development of active and passive recreation and trail facilities, and the acquisition of open space for future public parks.



\$25 Million Total Funding 2020-2025



\$9.9 Million Available Funding in 2023



Up to \$1 million Maximum Award Amount



2023 & 2025 **Biennial Application**

Eligible Applicants

- City or town
- Park District

Eligible Project Types

- Acquisition
- Feasibility Study
- Planning and Design
- Construction

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Examples of Possible Projects

Below are examples of projects that may be funded. This list is not all-inclusive. All grant applicants for this program must ensure that public access is provided.

- Land acquisition
- Trails and paths (hard or soft surface) and related features such as
 - Habitat restoration
 - Paths, access roads, trails
 - Bridges and boardwalks
 - Interpretive kiosks, signs, wayfinding
 - Picnic shelters, restrooms, benches

- Indoor or outdoor sports and recreation spaces
 - Sports courts
 - Sports fields and lighting
 - Rowing facilities
 - Climbing structures
 - Playgrounds and spray parks
 - Community gardens

Visit the Levy Grants website to view a list of previously awarded projects.

Projects Not Funded By This Program

Projects that do not align with the goals of this grant program may include, but are not limited to:

- Concessionaire buildings
- Environmental cleanup of illegal activities (i.e., removal of derelict vessels, trash, methamphetamine labs, etc.)
- Properties acquired via condemnation action of any kind
- Specific projects or actions identified as mitigation
- Routine operation and maintenance costs

