

2021 Grant Recipients

City of Robbinsdale
Public Park: Public Input Art Events

City of Crystal
Remote Control Car Track Program

City of Brooklyn Center
Community Food Collaborative

City of Duluth
Recreational Curling in Duluth's Park System

-Grant Application Timeline-

Grant Applications Due

- **Spring Grant due Friday, March 25, 2022**
- **Fall Grant due Friday, Nov. 4, 2022**

Grant Award Announcements following
next scheduled Board meeting



The Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation was established in 1972 and incorporated in 1973. Contributions are tax-deductible.

A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting recreation and parks for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Minnesota communities by supporting education, grants and the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association.

The Foundation's efforts are encouraged and supported by the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association and its members.

The affairs of the Foundation are governed by a board of trustees. Funds raised are used for a variety of worthwhile projects and initiatives.

This grant program is funded by the Foundations' fundraising efforts and generous contributions



MINNESOTA
RECREATION & PARK
FOUNDATION

New Initiative Grant Program

Grant Application Information

“Promoting *excellence* in the parks and recreation profession by *supporting innovation, education, and training.*”

The Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation New Initiative Grant Program, is intended to spur innovation in parks and recreation services at a local, regional, or state-wide level that ultimately could have state-wide impact.

What is eligible for funding?

Grant funding is available for programs and services that demonstrate innovation in parks and recreation services for the agency submitting the grant application, with future applicability for other agencies at a local, regional, or state-wide level. Applications that are innovative to the field of Parks and Recreation as a whole are desired. New or innovative programs that are specific to a city will also be considered.

What is excluded?

Capital improvements like buildings and structures, funding for existing programs and services, on-going expenses and costs incurred prior to the award of the grant are not eligible.

Up to \$4,000 is available per grant.

Eligibility

- Each grant must have a sponsoring agency (government or non-profit).
- Applicants must be a MRPF member, or their sponsoring agency must be a MRPF member.
- Grants must be matched by resources, supplies or funds.
- Grant funds must be expended within the agency's current or upcoming fiscal year in which they were awarded.
- One submission per agency

Other Requirements

If the initiative that is being funded is not implemented, recipients are required to return funds to the Foundation.

1. Grant recipients will be required to present their program or service outcomes online at Minnesota Recreation and Park Association website.
2. Present their program at the MRPA Annual State Conference
3. Disbursement of grant funds will be done on a reimbursement basis. Copies of receipts or invoices for incurred expenses equaling the full grant amount must be submitted for reimbursement. Must be submitted by dates noted on application.

Evaluation Process

Grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of Foundation Board Members.

Evaluations will be based on the criteria:

- Innovative approach to a program or service.
- Community need or support.
- Feasibility or likelihood that the program or service could be used by other agencies throughout Minnesota.
- How the program will be assessed and what measures will be used to determine its success.
- Program/service budget and what the grant is intended to fund.
- Sustainability and likelihood the program will continue after the funds are used.



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Application Process

To apply, submit a narrative describing the program or service, no more than four pages. The narrative must follow this format:

Section 1: Program name.

Section 2: Program personnel and grant contact information.

Section 3: The innovative approach to a program or service.

Section 4: Community need/support.

Section 5: What are you requesting funding for?

Please be specific, such as marketing, supplies, etc.

Section 6: What is your program budget?

Please state all expected revenue and expenses. Including agency matching abilities

Section 7: What is the feasibility or likelihood that the program or service could be used by other agencies throughout Minnesota?

Section 8: How will the program be evaluated and what measures will be used to determine success?

Section 9: Sustainability, how will this program be sustained in the future after the grant funds are used?

Section 10: Statement that grant will be matched by resources, supplies or funds.

Submit grant applications electronically in PDF format on or before 4:30 p.m.

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- Submit to labernathy@stlouispark.org

Questions?

Contact Lisa Abernathy at 952-924-2539 or labernathy@stlouispark.org