

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS CAPACITY FUND

Introduction

A joint program of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation, Partnerships for Parks works to increase community support for and involvement in parks throughout New York City. Founded in 1995, Partnerships works to start, strengthen, and support neighborhood park groups; to link these groups together so that they can learn from each other and become stronger collectively; and to promote parks in general so people will join in efforts to restore and preserve them.

The Program

The Technical Assistance Program provides tools and training to community-based groups in order to help them achieve their goals. Our tools include workshops, consulting, outreach materials such as brochures and calendars, small grants, and an online resource library.

The Capacity Fund provides grants of up to \$5,000 to support community-based groups and organizations in an effort to help them grow their ability to care for their parks. The grants support park projects occurring within the five boroughs of New York City.

Who Can Apply

Existing or new community-based groups and organizations with 501(c)(3) status may apply for a grant from the Capacity Fund. A fiscal sponsor is needed if group does not have 501(c)(3) status.

Criteria

Projects should expand the group's ability to care for their local park. Examples of potential projects include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Website, newsletter, letterhead or other outreach efforts
 - ◆ Special events or plantings, if the group can show how this support would be a sustainable investment in their stewardship efforts
 - ◆ An outreach publication produced by Partnerships for Parks*
- *If your group is interested in applying for a publication, please call 212-360-8180 to receive additional information.*

The proposed project should anticipate that the grant will be used within one year of notification.



Deadlines

Completed applications must be received by the 1st of February, June and October. Materials received later than the 1st will be considered in the next funding cycle. All applications submitted to the Capacity Fund must be completed in full. Incomplete proposals **will not** be considered.

Publications: Groups requesting summer calendars should submit applications by the February 1st deadline. Groups requesting funding for non-calendar publications (such as brochures and postcards) should submit applications by the June and October 1st deadlines.

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Review Process

Applications are judged on criteria that include quality of the project, need and level of community involvement. Preference will be given to groups with established relationships with Partnerships for Parks or who have not received grants from Partnerships before. Decisions are made within one month of the deadline.