

**Dane County Parks Friends Grant Program
2022 Application Summary
updated 7-8-2022**

Applicant	Project Name	Project Details	Meets Requirements	Grant Amount Requested	Total Project Budget	Park Commission Approval
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Propagation Garden Edging	Install hard edging that physically prevents exotic grasses rhizomes and stolons from entering the native plant propagation garden. Once established, the plants in the garden are used for seed collection or transplanted throughout the Conservancy to increase diversity of rare and sensitive species.	Yes	\$ 5,559.00	\$ 7,412.00	
Anderson Park Friends	Stump Removal	Hire contractor to remove 30-50 stumps located in the Arthur Sholts Memorial Forest, Shady Lane, and around two prairies. APF will follow up by removing chips and leveling the site for native seed scattering later in 2022.	Yes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	4/13/2022
Prairie Moraine Friends	Temporary Storage Shed	Build a 10'x18' storage shed on skids, so can be easily moved if needed. The shed will store a trail vehicle and tools like brush cutters, chainsaws, drip torches, water cans, etc. Included are items to outfit the shed: security cameras, storage and organization racks and a gas powered generator. The generator will be used to power items such as a bench grinder to sharpen blades.	Yes	\$ 9,278.25	\$ 12,371.00	4/13/2022
Wolf Run Association	Oaks for Wolf Run Trail	Plant 20 trees along Wolf Run Trail. Contractor to plant, stake, fence and water for 1 growing season. Dane County holds an easement for this trail.	Yes	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,400.00	4/13/2022

Total Requests \$ 15,578.25
Funding Available \$ 84,273.75
Remaining Funds \$ 68,695.50

The only application before Park Commission for approval at the 7/13/2022 meeting is the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy grant award. The other three (3) grant applications were approved earlier this year.



Dane County Parks 2022 Friends Capital Improvement Grant Program

The Friends Capital Improvement Grant Program provides matching funds to Friends groups and other nonprofit organizations to implement capital improvements on Dane County parkland.

Who may apply?

To apply for a grant, an entity must:

- Have 501c3 status
- Abide by all county rules, policies and guidelines
- Have previously worked with Dane County Parks

What projects are eligible?

The planning process for the project must be substantially complete and meet the following minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for funding.

- The project must be a capital project to be completed on county parkland
(Capital improvements are generally defined as permanent changes that have a life expectancy of at least 10 years.)
- Total project cost may not exceed \$25,000
- Project or concept must be identified in a master plan, if applicable
- Projects must be approved by Dane County Park staff
- Organization must have the capacity to manage and implement the project on their own
- Only 1 grant application can be submitted per organization or park property per year

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Trail construction
- Habitat restoration and perennial plantings
- Signage (interpretive, kiosk panels)
- Tree planting
- Food systems
- Storage structures (storage structures cannot become buildings)

What projects are **not** eligible?

Grants will not be awarded for the following projects:

- Buildings or construction projects that exceed \$25,000 in total cost, which must be bid out through the County
- Projects that the organization can't manage and implement directly on their own
- Plans or studies, brochures or printed materials
- Projects on private lands
- Vehicles, trailers, equipment or hand tools
- Are for private use or benefit
- Acquisition of land or easements
- Memorial benches
- Other projects may be deemed ineligible upon review

How much funding is available?

The standard grant amount will be up to 75% of the project costs with a maximum grant award of \$18,750 and a minimum grant award of \$3,000.

Eligible Expenses and Match

Eligible expenses for projects include construction materials and contracted services.

Acceptable match includes cash(including donations and grants from private foundations) and state or federal grants. **In-kind**

services will not be accepted as match, such as donated labor, materials or supplies.

Application Deadline

The 2022 grant period opened January 4, 2022 and had an initial review February 21, 2022. After that date, applications will continue to be accepted and will be reviewed as they are received. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis through 2022 as funding allows. Staff will review and recommend projects to the Dane County Park Commission for consideration.

Grant Payments and Requirements

Grants will be paid on a reimbursement basis. There may be options for advance payments depending on the individual circumstance.

Project Delivery

Grant applicants must consider who will be performing project management activities such as construction management, permit application, and project oversight duties. Dane County Park staff will not provide these services. Applicant must identify one liaison to administer the grant and communications with the County.

Project Maintenance

Projects funded through the program must be open to the public and maintained for public use in perpetuity. Grant applicants must provide a maintenance plan that outlines how the project will be maintained, who will maintain it, and what financial resources are available for maintaining the project.

Application Instructions

Dane County Parks partnered with the Dane County Environmental Council to simplify the grant application process. With one application an organization can apply to multiple grant programs. Grant application can be found online here:

<https://www.danecountyparks.com/grants/friends-of-dane-county-parks-grant-program>

Questions?

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