



Foundation for Dane County Parks 2023 Friends Grant Awards

The Foundation awards grants to organizations supporting education, interpretation and volunteerism in Dane County Parks. Grants are funded from the earnings from the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment, managed by the Madison Community Foundation. This is the fourth year of Foundation Friends grants, totaling \$51,880.75. The Dane County Parks Endowment has distributed \$110,537.33 since 2014, to support these Friends grants and other volunteer related programs, such as the Dane County Parks volunteer appreciation picnic and volunteer summit.

The Foundation Grant Allocation Committee determined a total of \$10,136 will be awarded to six organizations. Fund will be distributed in mid-January 2023. The grantees are listed below.

Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy – “Make a Memory Days 2023” programming for under-served adults including individuals with limited mobility and those with mild to moderate dementia. Award: \$1,800.00 for program development and events (stipends for naturalists, consultants, speakers, musicians and refreshments), promotion and development of materials (hands-on materials, flyers, mailings.)

Friends of Schumacher Park – Programming to connect youth from underserved areas of Dane County to the outdoor resources at Schumacher Farm County Park through seasonal events like hikes and workshops. Award: \$1,956.00 for supplies, outreach, planning, administration.

Friends of Stewart Park – Park improvements to include updated kiosk display and equipment rental for oak savanna restoration. Award: \$1,680.00 for kiosk supplies and brush mower rental.

Friends of Capital Springs – Two events (one winter and one summer) - “Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Winter Event” and “Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness through Parks and Outdoors Events.” Award: \$2,000.00 for food and beverages, rental equipment, games, supplies, drum group.

Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW) – Expand current program by making outdoor wheelchairs available at five events within the DCP system. Award: \$2,000.00 for transport of wheelchairs, adaptive equipment maintenance, marketing material to support events, and part-time administrator to handle reservations.

Friends of Donald Park – Update and print 2,500 copies of the Friend’s interpretive brochure. Award: \$700.00 for printing.