

## **PARC & Ride Grant Program Overview**

The PARC & Ride Grant Program provides matching funds to develop new regional bicycle playgrounds or regional bicycle/pedestrian trails that are identified in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan or Bike Dane Initiative. The standard grant amount will be up to 50% of the project costs.

To apply to the PARC & Ride Program, an organization should be one of the following:

- Town, village, or city in Dane County
- 501(c)3 non-profit organization
- Other governmental unit in Dane County (school district, university, MPO, tribal government)

Grants will be awarded for the development of off-street shared-use trails including amenities and support facilities, such as trailheads/parking areas, signage, and safety facilities. The grants will also be awarded for the development of regional bicycle playgrounds. A bicycle playground is designed with features to offer a variety of fun obstacles that safely build cycling confidence for kids.

Trail projects funded through the program must adhere to the Dane County Parks regional trail standards for limestone trails, paved trails, boardwalk, and bridges.

This grant program is offered every other year, pending Dane County Budget funding.

### **PARC & Ride Grant Program History**

- The Partners for Recreation and Conservation (PARC) program was established in 2011 with an initial funding level of \$1,000,000.
- The concept was for Dane County to support regionally significant conservation and recreation projects that were ready to go but needed funding support for construction.
- During these years, staff would initially evaluate projects and make recommendations to the Park Commission. Park Commission members were invited to the evaluation sessions.
- Applicants would present their projects to Park Commission (similar to Conservation Fund Grants) and the Park Commission would then make a final funding recommendation to the County Board.
- Starting in 2016, the program was rebranded as PARC & Ride with a focus on regional bike projects only. This shift was in response to a growing recognition that municipalities were struggling to implement the regional bicycle network.
- As the program changed over time, staff initially evaluated projects and made recommendations to the Park Commission through a presentation before the grant award resolution was introduced.

### **2021 Application Cycle Timeline**

- Application cycle opened in February 2021 and the application deadline was June 1, 2021.
- Grant award resolution was introduced in August 2021.
- A second grant award resolution was introduced in July 2022. These projects were submitted through the 2021 grant application cycle and funds were appropriated in the 2022 County Budget.

### **2023 Application Cycle Timeline**

- The last application cycle opened in July 2023 and the application deadline was September 15, 2023.
- Only two applications were received and both met the program requirements.
- Grant award resolution was introduced in January 2024.

## 2011 - 2023 PARC / PARC & Ride / Flood Repair History Summary

Sponsor	Project	Grant Award
<b>2011 PARC Grants - 10 Grants, 5 Bike-related</b>		
MAYSA	Reddan Soccer Park Improvements	\$ 250,000
Village of Oregon	Oregon to Badger State Trail Bike Path	\$ 250,000
Village of Mazomanie	Lake Marion, Black Earth Creek Wolf Run Restoration & Trl	\$ 250,000
City of Fitchburg	Dawley Park Bicycle Hub	\$ 100,000
City of Middleton	Pheasant Branch Harbor Village Stabilization and Aquatic Enhancement Project	\$ 47,750
Friends of the Arboretum	Grady Tract/Greene Prairie Habitat Enhancement and Bike Rest Stop	\$ 42,050
Village of Marshall	Charles Langer Family Park	\$ 30,200
Swamplovers Foundation	Large-scale Oak Savanna and Open Oak Woodland Restoration at Swamplovers Nature Preserve	\$ 10,000
Town of Westport	Woodland Drive Bike Lane Improvements	\$ 6,700
City of Fitchburg	Bike Lane Designation on CTH D and PD	\$ 3,300
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 990,000</b>
<b>2012 PARC Grants - 7 Grants, 5 Bike-related</b>		
Village of Belleville	Lake Belle View/Sugar River Improvements	\$ 134,049
Village of Cross Plains	Black Earth Creek Improvement Project	\$ 134,049
Village of DeForest	Yahara River Corridor Trail Construction	\$ 134,049
Ice Age Trail Alliance	Ice Age Trail Development in Dane County	\$ 26,788
Village of Cottage Grove	Main Street Multi-use Path	\$ 26,205
Village of McFarland	Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 1 - McFarland Trailhead	\$ 23,110
Natural Heritage Land Trust	Youth Crew for Conservation and Recreation	\$ 21,750
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>
<b>2013 PARC Grants - 12 Grants, 5 Bike-related</b>		
Village of DeForest	Upper Yahara River Trail Phase 3	\$ 225,000
City of Madison/Madison Skate Park Fund	Central Park Skatepark	\$ 200,000
City of Monona	Lottes Park Riverwalk and Boat Launch	\$ 150,000
Village of Shorewood Hills	Shorewood Hills Multi-use Recreational Path - Phase 1	\$ 114,965
Town of Pleasant Springs	Lake Kegonsa Boat Launch Reconstruction	\$ 112,500
Village of Cambridge	Cam-Rock Connector Trail - First Phase	\$ 73,015
City of Fitchburg	Apache Boardwalk	\$ 37,179
Aldo Leopold Foundation	Accessing Nature: Building Future Recreation and Conservation Opportunities at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center	\$ 25,240
City of Middleton	Tiedeman Pond Water Quality and Trails Enhancement Project	\$ 23,663
Town of Dunn	Dunn Heritage and Trail Project	\$ 15,225
City of Middleton	Lake View Park Fishing Enhancement Project	\$ 13,337
Village of McFarland	Arnold Larson Park Trail Extension	\$ 9,876
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>
<b>2014 PARC Grants - 9 Grants, 6 Bike-related</b>		
Village of Belleville	Lake Belle View Badger State Trail Connection	\$ 169,708
City of Middleton	Graber Pond to Pheasant Branch Conservancy Trail	\$ 122,450
UW Foundation	UW-Madison Arboretum Large-scale Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration	\$ 122,363
Madison Parks Foundation	Elver and Reindahl Splash Parks	\$ 80,000
Village of Belleville	Badger State Trail Lake Belle View Rest Facility	\$ 75,000
Wolf Run Association	Wolf Run Trail, Phase 2	\$ 45,000
Village of McFarland	Lower Yahara River Trail/Grand View Marsh Trail Connection Project	\$ 42,718
Village of Blue Mounds	Mounds View Park Shelter and Military Ridge State Trail	\$ 26,408
City of Fitchburg	Fitchburg Agriculture Route – Badger State Trail Interpretive Signs	\$ 5,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 688,647</b>

## 2011 - 2023 PARC / PARC & Ride / Flood Repair History Summary

Sponsor	Project	Grant Award
<b>2016 PARC &amp; Ride Grants - 7 Bike-related Grants</b>		
Village of Cross Plains	Zander Park/Good Neighbor Trail	\$ 200,000
Town of Westport	Woodland Drive Trail	\$ 156,621
City of Madison	Capital City Bike Path Segment 1	\$ 133,000
Village of DeForest	River Road Trail/Upper Yahara River Trail Loop	\$ 106,629
Village of Mazomanie	Lake Marion Trail	\$ 81,517
Village of McFarland	Lower Yahara River Trail Expansion	\$ 64,050
Village of Shorewood Hills	University Avenue Trail Extension	\$ 22,400
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 764,217</b>
<b>2018 PARC &amp; Ride Grants - 4 Bike-related Grants</b>		
Village of Cambridge	CamRock/Glacial Drumlin Connector	\$ 209,250
Village of Cottage Grove	Main Street Community Trail	\$ 182,500
Village of Windsor	Wolf Hollow Pedestrian Bridge, Bull Run Multi-Use Path, and Wayfinding Signage	\$ 81,600
Village of Shorewood Hills	Blackhawk Path Extension	\$ 26,650
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>
<b>2019 Park &amp; Trail Flood Repair Grants - 6 Grants</b>		
City of Middleton	Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor	\$ 900,000
Village of Oregon	Rotary Bike Trail Relocation	\$ 173,536
Village of Black Earth	Community Park Restoration	\$ 108,841
Town of Middleton	Pope Farm Conservancy Restoration	\$ 105,000
Wolf Run Association	Wolf Run Trail Repair	\$ 82,738
Town of Dunn	Dunn Heritage Park Restoration	\$ 29,885
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,000</b>
<b>2021 PARC &amp; Ride Grants - 5 Bike-related Grants</b>		
Village of Cross Plains	CTH KP Multi-use Trail	\$ 270,000
Village of Cottage Grove	Main Street Path Construction - Phase 2	\$ 213,087
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Middleton Bike Park Pump Track and Skills Loop	\$ 150,000
City of Madison	Paved Pumptrack at Aldo Leopold Park	\$ 125,000
City of Monona	Maywood Mountain Bike Trail	\$ 11,913
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 770,000</b>
<b>2022 PARC &amp; Ride Grants - 4 Bike-related Grants</b>		
City of Verona	Eastside Interceptor Gravity Sewer Trail	\$ 186,025
City of Fitchburg	North Fish Hatchery Road Hub	\$ 150,000
Village of Cottage Grove	Main Street Path Construction - Phase 2	\$ 83,991
City of Madison	Shred to School at Aldo Leopold Park	\$ 62,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 482,516</b>
<b>2023 PARC &amp; Ride Grants - 2 Bike-related Grants</b>		
Village of Windsor	Charlie Grimm Road Boardwalk	\$ 215,000
City of Madison	Country Grove Park Bike Trail	\$ 187,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 402,500</b>

<b>Grand Total (66 grants)</b>	<b>\$ 7,497,880</b>
<i>PARC</i>	\$ 3,178,647
<i>PARC &amp; Ride</i>	\$ 2,919,233
<i>Park &amp; Trail Flood Repair</i>	\$ 1,400,000

## **Friends Grant Program Overview**

There are two opportunities for grant funding to Dane County Parks Friends Groups and other partner organizations:

- Capital Grant
- Foundation for Dane County Parks Collaborative Grant

### **Capital Grant**

The Friends Capital Grant Program provides matching funds to develop capital projects on county parkland. The projects must be consistent with the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan, park master plan, and/or park work plan. Typically, they are not priority projects for Dane County Parks, but they are for the Friends Group or partner organization. The Capital Grants will fund up to 75% of the total project costs and can range from \$2,000 - \$18,750.

To apply for a Friends Capital Grant, an entity must:

- Have current 501(c)3 non-profit status
- Have current Commercial General Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence
- Have the capacity to implement the project on their own, including securing permits (if required)
- Close any previously awarded Friends Capital Improvement Grants before another application is accepted

Grants will be awarded for capital projects such as trail construction, new habitat restoration (not maintenance of an existing restored area), tree planting, mobile storage structures, and interpretive signage.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded on a rolling basis as long as funding is available. This grant programs are offered every year, pending Dane County Budget funding.

The Friends Capital Grant Program was created in the 2020 Dane County Budget and provides matching funds to Friends groups and other nonprofit organizations to implement capital improvements on Dane County parkland.

### **Foundation for Dane County Parks Collaborative Grant**

Grants will be awarded for to lead educational programs, implement small projects, and purchase equipment for volunteer workdays. This collaborative grant program can fund a full or partial project/program between \$250-\$2,000.

To apply for a Collaborative Grant, an entity must:

- A current 501(c)3 status is not required
- Not be a private, for-profit business
- Have the capacity to manage and implement the project/program on their own
- Close (final report submitted) previously awarded Collaborative Grants before another application is accepted

Grants will be awarded for projects or programs that occur on county parkland. Such as public educational programming, tools and equipment to be used for volunteer workdays, or creation or printing of organizational materials, such as membership brochures.

This grant programs is offered every year. Applications are currently being accepted and the application deadline is April 1, 2024.

#### Foundation for Dane County Parks Collaborative Grant Program History

- The Foundation for Dane County Parks has raised more than \$800,000 establishing a Friends of Dane County Parks endowment fund (managed by the Madison Community Foundation) to support Dane County Parks' mission.
- Beginning in 2019, funds from the endowment distribution have been awarded to Friend Groups and other partner organizations to enhance Dane County Parks through volunteerism, education, and interpretation.
- During the early years, the Foundation for Dane County Parks managed the grant program, with the assistance of Dane County Parks Staff.
- In the summer of 2022, the Dane County Environmental Council was sunset. In the 2023 Dane County Operating Budget the \$6,000 annual Environmental Council's Community Partners grant program funding was transferred from UW-Extension to Dane County Parks.
- In the spring of 2023, Dane County Parks used this funding to set-up a mini-grant program. Grant requests exceeded the funding available, and the Foundation for Dane County Parks and the Friends of Dane County Parks endowment fund covered the deficit to award all grants in full.
- In the fall of 2023, the Foundation for Dane County Parks and Dane County Parks combined available funds to offer a collaborative annual grant program for Friend Groups and partner organizations.

## Dane County Parks Friends Grant Program History Summary

Sponsor	Project	Grant Award
<b>2020 Friends Capital Grants - 5 Grants</b>		
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Seminole Mountain Bike Sustainable Trail Construction	\$ 18,750
Friends of Cherokee Marsh	Yahara Heights and Cherokee Marsh NRA Entrance Enhancements	\$ 6,900
Friends of Indian Lake	Halfway Prairie Restoration Expansion	\$ 6,000
Friends of Silverwood Park	Irrigation for the Grower Partner Area	\$ 13,140
Prairie Moraine Friends	Moraine Overlook Geology Signs	\$ 3,047
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,837</b>
<b>2021 Friends Capital Grants - 2 Grants</b>		
Rooted WI Inc	Irrigation for the Community Garden	\$ 13,899
Friends of Silverwood Park	Irrigation for the Agroforestry Demonstration Area	\$ 3,990
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,889</b>
<b>2022 Friends Capital Grants - 4 Grants</b>		
Anderson Park Friends	Wood Restoration: Stump Grinding & Cottonwood Tree Removal	\$ 4,856
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Propagation Garden Edging	\$ 5,559
Prairie Moraine Friends	Temporary Storage Shed	\$ 9,278
Wolf Run Association	Oaks for Wolf Run Trail	\$ 3,300
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,993</b>
<b>2023 Friends Capital Grants - 3 Grants</b>		
Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society	CamRock County Park Interpretive Signage	\$ 10,500
Friends of Schumacher Farm Park	Farmhouse Porch Restoration	\$ 11,541
Friends of Lake Kogonsa Society	Improvements to Fish Camp County Parks Net House Building	\$ 5,250
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,291</b>
<b>2019 Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 11 Grants</b>		
Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area	Educational Materials	\$ 1,706
Friends of Schumacher Farm Park	Museum Renovation	\$ 1,275
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Education and Plants	\$ 1,871
Upper Sugar River Watershed Association	Outdoor Learning Series	\$ 2,000
Anderson Park Friends	Equipment	\$ 1,175
Friends of Festge Park	Plant Removal	\$ 1,995
Friends of Silverwood Park	Signage	\$ 2,000
Friends of Stewart Lake Park	Educational Materials	\$ 1,330
Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Trees for Streambank Easements	\$ 950
Prairie Moraine Friends	Educational Materials	\$ 1,500
Friends of CamRock Park	Equipment	\$ 1,482
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,284</b>
<b>2020 Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 5 Grants</b>		
Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area	Educational Materials	\$ 1,893
Anderson Park Friends	Equipment	\$ 960
Friends of Silverwood Park	Volunteer Support	\$ 2,000
Friends of McCarthy Park	Equipment	\$ 2,000
Ice Age Trail Alliance	Educational Materials	\$ 1,128
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,981</b>
<b>2021 Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 9 Grants</b>		
Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area	Collaborative Activities	\$ 1,770
Friends of Schumacher Farm Park	Native Prairie Seeds	\$ 2,000
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Outreach	\$ 1,800
Access Ability WI	Outdoor Access Project	\$ 2,000
Anderson Park Friends	Irrigation Project	\$ 1,742
Friends of Silverwood Park	Soils Workshop	\$ 2,000

## Dane County Parks Friends Grant Program History Summary

Sponsor	Project	Grant Award
<b>2021 Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 9 Grants (continued)</b>		
Friends of Stewart Lake Park	Savanna Resotration Support	\$ 2,000
Prairie Moraine Friends	Bluebird Houses and Signs	\$ 2,000
Friends of McCarthy Park	Cross County Ski Trails Grooming Equipment	\$ 2,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,312</b>
<b>2022 Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 6 Grants</b>		
Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area	Host two Ho-Chunk Nation Events	\$ 2,000
Friends of Schumacher Farm Park	Educational Programming Support	\$ 1,956
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Make a Memory Day Programming	\$ 1,800
Access Ability WI	Support AAW Wheelchairs to go to Five Events	\$ 2,000
Friends of Stewart Lake Park	Kiosk Display and Restoration Equipment Rental	\$ 1,680
Friends of Donald Park	Printing Friends Brochure	\$ 700
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,136</b>
<b>2023 Collaborative Foundation for Dane County Parks Grants - 19 Grants (Both Spring and Fall Cycles)</b>		
Anderson Park Friends	Chipper/Shredder Equipment for the Food Pantry Garden	\$ 850
Catholic Multicultural Center	Community Environment Program at a Dane County Park Property	\$ 1,141
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Trail Building Tools Refresh	\$ 946
Friends of Donald Park	Equipment to Support Natural Areas Volunteers	\$ 1,429
Prairie Moraine Friends	Purchase tools and safety equipment for land restoration volunteers	\$ 2,000
Friends of Schumacher Farm	Environmental Education Programs	\$ 604
Benedictine Women of Madison: Holy Wisdom Monastery	Prescribed burning for North Mendota Wildlife Area	\$ 2,000
Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor	Badger Mill Creek Native Planting Restoration	\$ 1,540
Friends of Silverwood Park	Equipment Rental for Park Maintenance	\$ 1,448
Anderson Park Friends	Purchase a seed spreader and cover crop seeds for the food pantry garden to enrich the soil	\$ 400
Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor	Purchase tools for land restoration volunteers and purchase tree tubes and stakes	\$ 1,717
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Purchase a powered track barrow for volunteer maintained mountain bike trails	\$ 1,000
Holy Wisdom Monastery	Contract prescribed fire on the south half of the North Mendota Wildlife Area Prairie Unit	\$ 1,500
Friends of Lower Mud Lake	Purchase tools and safety equipment for land restoration volunteers	\$ 1,500
Friends of McCarthy Park	Repair storage building heater and purchase heating mats and insulated machine covers for Friends' equipment used to groom cross country ski trails	\$ 1,965
Prairie Moraine Friends	Purchase tool racks and accessories for land restoration volunteers and special event supplies	\$ 2,000
Friends of Schumacher Farm	Outreach methods for 2024 community and educational events	\$ 1,750
Friends of Stewart Park	Contract prescribed fire on the remnant prairie and purchase a utility sled to carry equipment for land restoration volunteers	\$ 1,284
Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Purchase seedings, tree tubes and stakes for volunteers to plant and water trees.	\$ 502
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,576</b>

**Grand Total Capital Grants (14 grants) \$ 116,010**  
**Grand Total Foundation / Collaborative Grants (50 grants) \$ 78,289**