



Parks Division

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

Darren Marsh, Parks Director

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DATE: November 18, 2020

TO: Harmony Kronick
Connie Tibbetts
Madison Community Foundation, Inc.

FROM: Darren Marsh
Parks Director

SUBJECT: 2020 Grant Requests

I am recommending (2) two 2020 grant disbursements from Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment Fund for the following amounts \$7,891 and \$4,000 for a total of \$11,981:

1) **\$7,981 - Check made out to the Foundation for Dane County Parks located at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison WI 53718. The Foundation will provide the distribution of funds for the following grants that were approved in November for the following volunteer projects:**

- Friends of Anderson Park, \$960. Food Pantry Gardens serving food pantries in: Verona, Belleville, Oregon. The grant covers the purchase of a rear-tine rototiller and will allow them to double their food production to 4,000 pounds and triple the food pantries served from one to three.
- Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area, \$1,893. Park Prairie Initiatives: Increase the number of plant identification markers, stewardship supplies, and revise 2011 visitor education guide.
- Friends of Silverwood Park, \$2,000. Volunteer recruitment and retention project: Help build a long-term volunteer base of support, and a larger Board of Directors, through a work plan, volunteer training and additional communication with the public.
- Friends of McCarthy Park, \$2,000. UTV tracks for grooming trails and ski hill. Assist volunteers and numerous community partners to mark and groom snowshoe trails and sledding hills.
- Ice Age Trail Alliance, \$1,128. Educational effort to stop the spread of invasive species. Install signage to promote awareness of need to stop spread of invasive species on selected areas of the trail in concert with and connected to Dane County Parks.

2) **\$4,000 – Check made out to Dane County Parks, 5201 Fen Oak Drive Madison WI 53718
The money will be used to purchase tools and supplies to support the Volunteer Program.**