Dane County Parks Friends Grant Program

2020 Application Summary

The Friends Grant Program provides matching funds to Friends groups and other nonprofit organizations to implement capital improvements on Dane County parkland. Capital improvements are generally defined as permanent changes that have a life expectancy of at least 10 years.

To apply for a grant, an entity must:

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

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

- Total project cost may not exceed \$25,000 for projects that involve construction or paving
- 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
- Only 1 grant application can be submitted per organization/park property

Applicant	Project Name	Meets Requirements	Project Type	Project Details	Requested Funds	Total Project Budget
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Seminole Mountain Bike Sustainable Trail Construction	Y	Trail Construction	Hire a professional trail builder to reconstruct/realign the original volunteer-built mountain bike trails at Seminole in a sustainable way.	\$18,750	\$25,000
Friends of Cherokee Marsh	Yahara Heights and Cherokee Marsh NRA entrance enhancements	Y	Signage & Storage structures	Purchase and install bike racks and interpretive signs at two entrances, design materials for existing entrance kiosks.	\$6,900	\$9,200
Friends of Indian Lake	Halfway Prairie Restoration	Y - needs to reinstate 501(c)3 status before monies can be received	Habitat restoration	Hire a private restoration company to expand into a new restoration area: conduct invasive brush removal, herbicide treatment, and prescribed burning.	\$6,000	\$8,000
Friends of Silverwood	Silverwood Park Infrastructure Development Project	Y	Food systems	Hire a professional contractor to install an irrigation systems to add capacity to Silverwood's Grower Partner Program.	\$13,140	\$17,520
Prairie Moraine Friends	Moraine Overlook Geology Signs	Y	Signage	Design, purchase and install five interpretive signs about the geological significance of Prairie Moraine County Park.	\$3,047.25	\$4,063
Grand Total: \$47,837.25 Funds Budgetted: \$100,000.00						
Remaining Account Balance - plan is to offer another deadline in 2021: \$52,162.75						