

City of Windcrest



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 31, 2022**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 8601 MIDCROWN

6:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A CITY OF WINDCREST PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WINDCREST CITY HALL, 8601 MIDCROWN, WINDCREST, TEXAS ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 2022, STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. DURING THE MEETING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE LISTED SUBJECTS.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RESERVES THE OPTION TO RECESS THE MEETING DURING THE EVENING OF AUGUST 31ST, 2022, AND TO RECONVENE THE MEETING ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST 2022, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WINDCREST CITY HALL, 8601 MIDCROWN, WINDCREST, TEXAS.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Windcrest Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible, and accessible parking spaces are available. In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Windcrest will provide reasonable accommodations for persons attending the meeting. To better serve you, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office, at 210-655-0022 ext. 2150 or Fax 210-655-8776, or 711 Texas Relay.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Vote to Excuse Absent Commission Members**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
- V. Citizens to be Heard**

- Citizens may address the Parks and Recreation Commission on topics not on the agenda for no more than three (3) minutes.
- In addition to the foregoing, citizens shall also have the opportunity to address the Parks and Recreation Commission during consideration of posted agenda items for no more than six (6) minutes.
- A City Official may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry made by a member of the public, or a recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry made by a member of the public.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED AT ANY TIME DURING THE
PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING:**

VI. DISCUSSION & ACTION

- a) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on an event for Texas Arbor Day: Friday, November 4, 2022. [Monica Baietti, Place 2]

- b) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on recommendations for water use and conservation for city landscaping. [Monica Baietti, Place 2]
- c) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on grants available to the Windcrest Parks and Recreation Commission. [Monica Baietti, Place 2]
- d) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on an art in the park event. [Scott Lee Ross, Place 5]
- e) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on a recommendation to the City Council for the use of city property located at 5609 Windsong Dr. [Scott Lee Ross]
- f) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on a Public Works appreciation luncheon. [David Hook, Chairman]
- g) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on supporting and participating in Windcrest Light up festivities. [Jim Flinn, Place 1]
- h) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on a recommendation to the City Council on the traffic flow during the light up season. [Jim Flinn, Place 1]
- i) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on supporting a “light up village/market”. [Scott Lee Ross, Place 5]
- j) The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and may take action on recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Landscaping and Monuments Committee. [Jay Eldridge, Place 3]
- k) The Parks and Recreation Commission will review and discuss the current landscaping operations and maintenance of the Takas Park stormwater drainage. [Jay Eldridge, Place 3]
- l) The Parks and Recreation Commission will review, discuss, and may take action on an article for the monthly newsletter. [Jay Eldridge, Place 3]
- m) The Parks and Recreation Commission will review, discuss, and may take action on the Parks and Recreation annual report. [David Hook, Chairman]
- n) The Parks and Recreation Commission will review, discuss, and may take action on an operations calendar of park events in 2021/2022. [David Hook, Chairman]
- o) The Parks and Recreation Commission will review, discuss, and may take action on the approved working Parks and Open Space Plan - Resolution 2021-523(R). [David Hook, Chairman]

VII. City Manager’s Report

VIII. General Announcements & Future Agenda Items Requested

Per Ordinance No. 618, repealing Ordinance No. 593; Section 9: Every agenda shall include an item entry granting a member the opportunity to propose an item for consideration of future agendas for Regular or Special Meetings. Any member may request the inclusion of such items at any meeting.

IX. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

DECORUM REQUIRED:

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

ACTION BY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED:

The Parks and Recreation Commission may vote and/or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Parks and Recreation Commission reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, pursuant to and in accordance with Texas Government Code § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); § 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); § 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices); § 551.087 (Economic Development); and, § 551.071 to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflict with the Open Meetings Act and may invoke this right where the City Attorney, the Mayor or a majority of the Governing Body deems an executive session is necessary to allow privileged consultation between the City Attorney and the governing body, if considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. The attorney may appear in person, or appear in executive session by conference call in accordance with applicable state law.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY:

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

It is anticipated that members of the City Council, or other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such

in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Windcrest is a true and correct copy of said Notice and was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of said City in a convenient place to the public and said Notice was posted more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting on August 31, 2022.

By: //§//Rachel C. Dominguez, City Secretary

Tree City USA®

Creating greener communities nationwide



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An Arbor Day Foundation Program

Cooler temperatures. Cleaner air. Healthier residents.

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless — and by meeting the four Tree City USA standards, your community can experience them firsthand.



PROGRAM SUMMARY

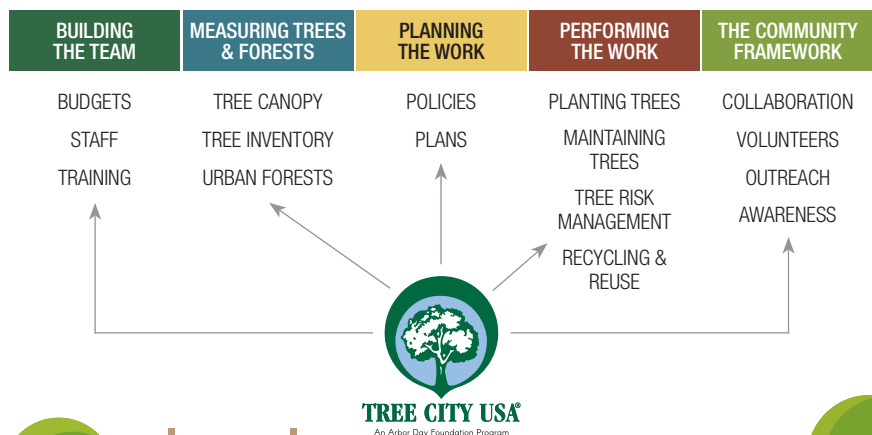
The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

Program applications are completely free. Many cities renew their Tree City USA status every year, making them eligible for a Growth Award and other urban forestry opportunities.

THE FOUNDATION OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Tree City USA program has helped more than 3,600 communities across the country build out their urban forests. Recognition forms the base layer for five different areas of growth, including expansion of personnel, financial investment, defined policies and plans, and engagement with residents.

GROWTH AWARD QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES



STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION

To receive recognition, a community must meet four core standards for its public trees:

✓ **Standard 1:** **Form A Tree Board Or Department**

Delegating responsibility for city- or town-owned trees is the first official step to becoming a Tree City. By forming a tree board or department, cities can create a more organized and effective urban forestry plan.

✓ **Standard 2:** **Establish A Tree Care Ordinance**

A public tree care ordinance assigns clear authority over public trees and provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees from streets, parks, and other public spaces.

✓ **Standard 3:** **Maintain A Community Forestry Program With An Annual Budget Of At Least \$2 Per Capita**

Your community most likely already spends at least \$2 per capita on the planting, care, and removal of trees. This is intended to demonstrate an ongoing investment into your public trees.

✓ **Standard 4:** **Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day**

Celebrating Arbor Day and passing an official holiday proclamation helps create pride for your city's entire urban forestry program.



BENEFITS OF RECOGNITION

By becoming a Tree City, your community will:

- Receive flags, signs, and other materials to proudly display your award
- Educate residents about the value of trees and green space
- Gain national recognition for your commitment to environmental stewardship
- Create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful urban landscape



GETTING STARTED

Interested in joining, but not quite sure where to begin? It's as simple as following these five steps!

1. Make the case to friends and leaders in your community
2. Contact your state's urban and community forestry coordinator
3. Work together to fulfill the four Tree City USA standards
4. Celebrate Arbor Day
5. Submit your free application!

Learn and apply today at arborday.org/treecityusa





Tree City USA® Application Checklist

- This checklist will help you organize everything you need for your application before you apply online
- You can save your application and come back
- Application deadline varies by state; check arborday.org/treecity for the official deadline in your state.
- If your community is having difficulty meeting a specific standard, reach out to your state coordinator to learn more.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Information Required for Application

Contact Information for:

- ☐ Mayor
- ☐ City Forestry Contact

STANDARD 1: A Tree Board or Department

Do you have an entity responsible for your community's trees?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a Tree Board?*

Check out <https://treeboardu.org/>

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Information Required for Application

- ☐ Information on Tree Board/Department Meetings
- ☐ Names/Emails for Tree Board Members of Staff

STANDARD 2: A Tree Care Ordinance

Does your city have a tree ordinance that:

- Establishes a tree board, forestry department, or both, that assigns one of these entities responsibility over public trees?

— AND —

- Provides clear guidance about the planting, removal, and/or maintenance of public trees?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Information Required for Application

- ☐ Date Tree Ordinance was Adopted
- ☐ Upload current ordinance

**Having a Tree Board is optional if your community has a city department responsible for public trees.*





STANDARD 3: A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

Does your community spend \$2 or more per capita?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Information Required for Application

Expenditures on:

- ☐ Tree Planting and Initial Care, Tree Maintenance, Tree Removal, Management, Utility Line Clearance, Volunteer Time (in hours), Hours Other (please explain), and Total Community Forestry Expenditures
- ☐ Annual Work Plan*
- ☐ Supporting Budget Documents*

Number of:

- ☐ Total Trees Planted, Trees Pruned, and Trees Removed

STANDARD 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Did your community celebrate Arbor Day this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your community have a signed Arbor Day Proclamation this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

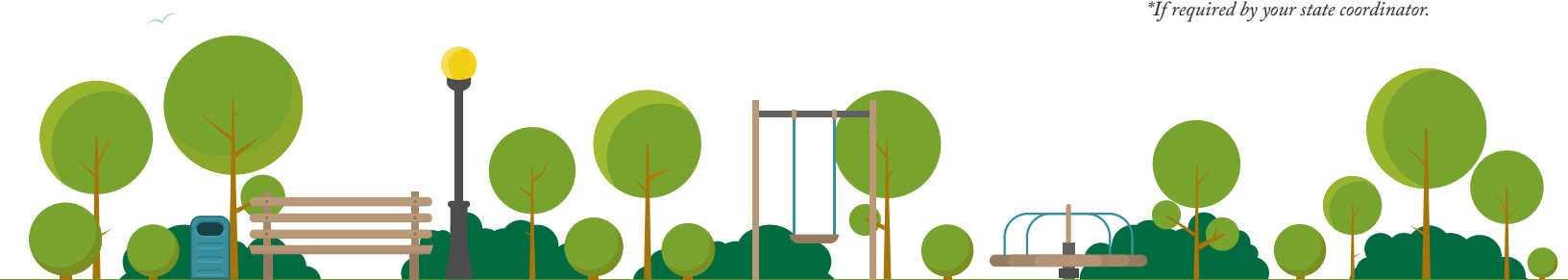
Information Required for Application

- ☐ Date of Observation
- ☐ Evidence of Arbor Day Event activities, photos, and/or news coverage
- ☐ Signed Arbor Day Proclamation

Verification Information

- ☐ Mayor or Equivalent's Signature

**If required by your state coordinator.*



Why Nebraska is Igniting a Western Water War with Colorado

By [Jackie Ourada](#) , Morning Edition Host & Reporter Nebraska Public Media

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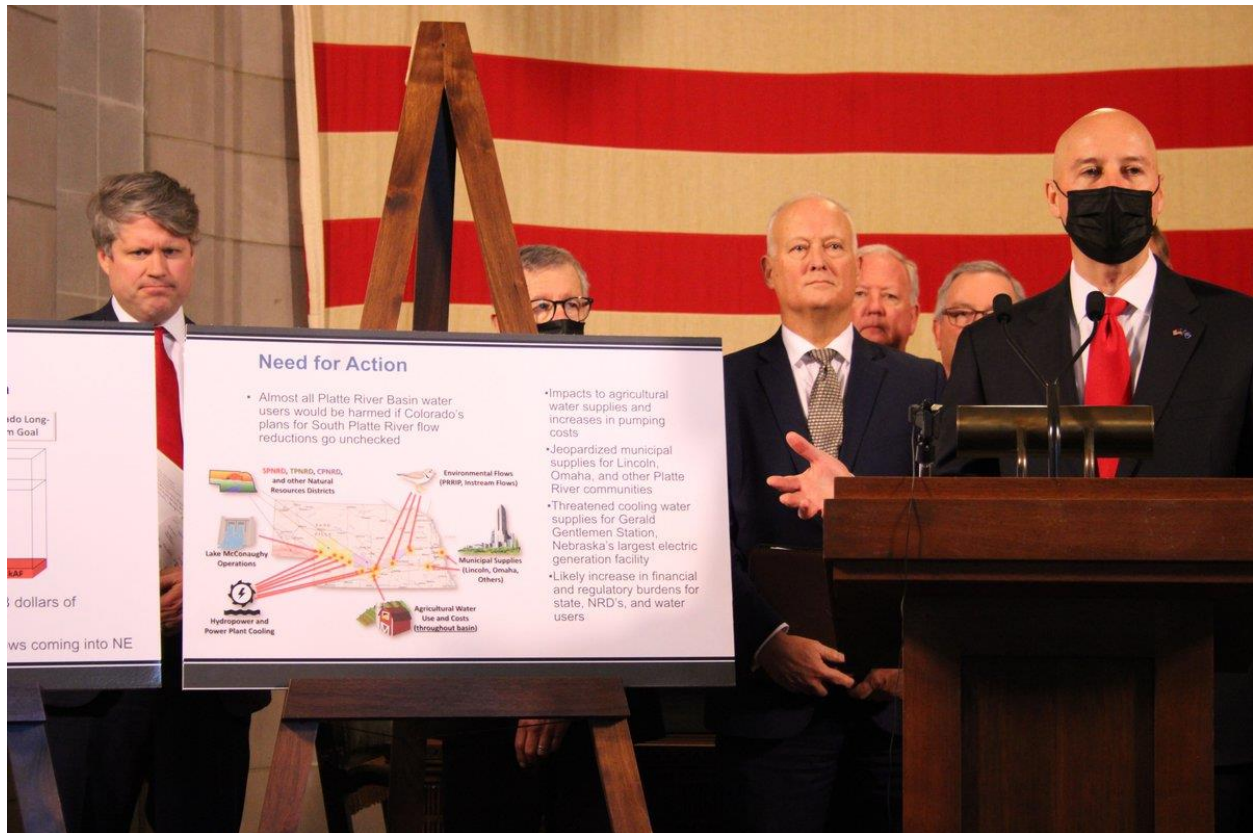


The South Platte River near Roscoe, Nebraska looking upstream. (Photo by Fred Knapp, Nebraska Public Media News)

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Nebraska may spar over water again with Colorado.

On Monday, Governor Pete Ricketts said recent projects proposed in the neighboring state would dramatically cut South Platte River water flow into Nebraska. Attorney General Doug Peterson said that was the "first shot" in the potential water battle between the states. Gov. Ricketts' team pointed to [these proposed projects](#) as plans that, it believes, could cut the river's flow in Nebraska by 90 percent.



Gov. Pete Ricketts introduces water projects as Nebraska officials look on. (Photo by Fred Knapp, Nebraska Public Media News)

In a statement Wednesday, Colorado Governor Jared Polis said the state "has not and is not" withholding water from Nebraska. Gov. Polis said the list pointed to by Gov. Ricketts is a group of recommendations from collaborative basin roundtables.

Nebraska's response to those proposals won't necessarily be a lawsuit yet, but a revival of a canal that has a checkered past in Nebraska's history.

It's a waterway costing at least \$500 million that would begin near the northeastern Colorado town of Ovid and push into Nebraska. When asked about the cost, Gov. Ricketts said the state was sitting in a good spot financially, especially with the cash reserve, to pay for a project like this. In his budget recommendation to the legislature Thursday, Ricketts proposed pulling \$400 million out of the state's cash reserve for the project. \$100 million would come from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.



Ovid, Colorado water tank. (Photo by Fred Knapp, Nebraska Public Media News)

Initially proposed as far back as 1889, the canal is written into the [South Platte River Compact](#), an interstate agreement signed by both Colorado and Nebraska in 1923. Congress approved it in 1926.

A financial failure led to the project's first collapse in the 1890s. In another revival attempt in the 1980s, it was struck down in accordance with the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act.

The South Platte River Compact, which has the force of federal law, gives Nebraska the ability to construct a canal beginning in Colorado, even using eminent domain within that neighboring state, to bring water through Nebraska's Perkins County. Colorado's governor said any proposed plan by Nebraska on Colorado ground would undergo "rigorous review" to make sure it complied with the compact, water law, private property rights and endangered species issues.

In 1923, the two states agreed Nebraska could take up to 500 cubic feet per second of water between October 15 and April 1, if the Perkins County canal was built.

Joel Schneekloth, a water resource specialist at Colorado State University, said the compact allows Nebraska to take water from the river by this canal only after Colorado received its share of water noted in the compact.

"Colorado has developed quite a bit of that in augmentation systems – where we're taking water off the river, during that time period and putting it into groundwater further away from the river, trying to retime it back for irrigation season [to help comply with the compact]," Schneekloth said.



The South Platte River near Roscoe, Nebraska looking downstream. (Photo by Fred Knapp, Nebraska Public Media News).

That's a main driver for the canal project, according to Nebraska Department of Resources Director Tom Riley.

"It's really about timing of the water, in that the water they do offset with the depletion from a summer month, they then use to offset a winter month, and the winter months are exactly when we would be taking this water out of the canal system," Riley said.

Schneekloth said looking at it from his perspective, there may be multiple legal implications as to why this couldn't hold up today. He said there may also not be enough water right now for Nebraska to take the full amount envisioned in the 1920s.

"The original decree said it could take up to 500 CFS, but when you look at historical flows of the South Platte at that time period about where that diversion would be at – 500 CFS is not accomplished very often during those winter months," Schneekloth said.



Work begins in the 1890s on the initial plan of the Perkins County Canal. (Photo courtesy of Perkins County Historical Society)

Perkins County landowner Robert Richter also questioned how realistic the old compact language is.

“The South Platte now is a threadbare nothing, and it’s like, you’re going to squeeze more water out of that thing?”

Richter helped document Perkins County history in the book, ‘Plainscape: A Portrait of Perkins County,’ with Larry Gauthier.

Here’s where the proposed reservoirs would possibly play a crucial part.

The southwest Nebraska county can be one of the driest in the state – until a storm passes through.

Then, when it rains, it pours in Perkins.

“So much of this land was shortgrass prairie, and so you get big thunderstorms and you get lots of runoff off the shortgrass prairie,” Richters said.

Rain isn’t a sure thing out in these drought-ridden counties. Annual records of rainfall could look average, but are sometimes misleading.

“You may have gotten all of that rain in one or two huge deluges that did you a damn’s worth of good,” Richters said.

Reservoirs spiraling off the canal system could better help regulate the water in land that's tremendously tapped its groundwater.



Work begins in the 1890s on the initial Perkins County canal project. (Photo courtesy of Perkins County Historical Society)

Brenda Styskal of the Perkins County Historical Society says the original canal proposed in the nineteenth century promised to transform the dry landscape.

“Perkins County is the only county in the state that has zero bridges. It went from a source of water in a land that’s just as dry as could be, to possibly being a big draw. Think Lake McConaughy. Think Enders. It changed the trajectory of their county.”

Except, it never happened. Back in 1889, the idea of irrigating the land not only excited local farmers, it attracted financial assistance from both local farmers and eastern financiers.

But that stream of money quickly dried up, leading to the abandonment of the canal project. Now, with more funds available, Nebraskans will see if the project can be revived – again.



Community-Built Playspace Grants

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[Process](#)
[Apply \(grants/apply\)](#)

Plan, design, and build a new community playground, Multi-Sport Court, or Adventure Course by working with KABOOM! and our partners.

Our Community-Built Playspace grants are a partnership between your community, one of our dedicated funding partners, and KABOOM!.

As a Community Partner, you'll lead a process that will center your community's voices — both kids and adults — to design, plan, and build a new playspace using our signature community-build model.

At the end of the process, your community will have an amazing place for kids to play. A place that allows them to fully experience the physical, social, and emotional health benefits of play. You'll have also helped KABOOM! take one more step towards ending playspace inequity (/playspace-equity), by providing your community's kids access to a quality playspace and by fostering a sense of belonging within your community.

Community-Built
Playspace Grants
(<https://kaboom.org/grants/community-built>)

Types of Playspaces
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Types of Community Playspaces

Depending on your community's needs, available space on your property, and available funding, KABOOM! offers three different types of playspaces. Once you've submitted an application, KABOOM! will evaluate your eligibility for the different types, and begin a conversation with you to determine which playspace is best for your community's kids



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AGES 2-5 & 5-12

Playgrounds
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Swings, slides, hanging, climbing, and more

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AGES 10+

Adventure Courses
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For older kids looking for their next challenge

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AGES 5+

Multi-Sport Courts
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Basketball, hockey, volleyball, and more

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Opportunities for Community-Built Playspace grants are specific to certain cities or metropolitan areas within the United States.

Current Opportunities

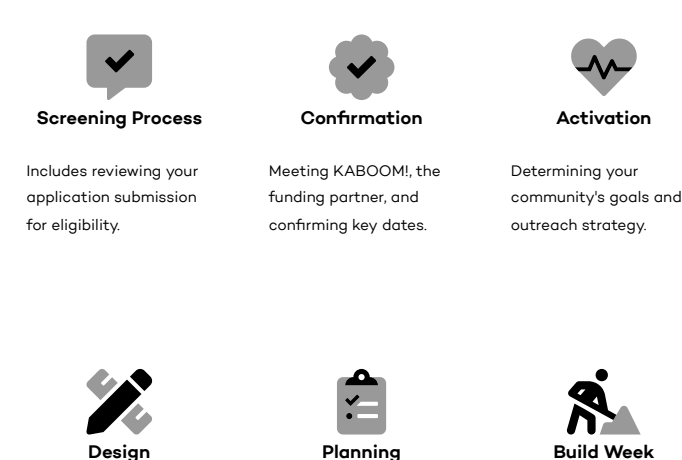
KABOOM! is currently seeking applicants in the following cities or metropolitan areas. **If your community isn't within one of the communities listed below, we do not recommend applying at this time.** Please check this page regularly for changes in our eligible communities, or subscribe to our [Grant Alerts \(/grants\)](#) to receive periodic email notifications. *Last updated 06/06/2021*

Arizona	Phoenix Metro Area
California	Chino Hills Greater Los Angeles Metro Area Long Beach Oakland Riverside County San Francisco San Jose
Colorado	Denver East Colfax Corridor
Florida	Miami Orlando Tampa/St. Petersburg
Georgia	Athens Atlanta
Illinois	Chicago
Kentucky	Louisville
Louisiana	New Orleans
Maryland	Baltimore Prince George's County
Massachusetts	Boston Area
Michigan	Detroit Grand Rapids
Minnesota	Minneapolis-Saint Paul
New Jersey	Newark Northern New Jersey Trenton
New York	New York City
Ohio	Columbus Area
Pennsylvania	Delaware County Philadelphia
Tennessee	Nashville
Texas	Dallas / Fort Worth Houston
Virginia	Richmond
Washington D.C.	Greater Washington D.C. area
Washington	Seattle

Community-Built Playspace Process

The Community Playspace grant provides the facilitation and support of our Community Engagement Managers and Build Managers to embark on a 5-12 week planning process.

Our Community Engagement Model



Hosting workshops to determine the final playspace design, and reviewing logistics for the Build Week.

Weekly planning calls and completing all preparation for where your final playspace will be built.

A four-day building of the playground by volunteers, hosted by you and a KABOOM! Build Manager.

Download Our Process Summary

For more details on the entire process, download our Community-Built Playgrounds Summary, which includes more details on how the entire project comes together.

View (/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/KABOOM-community-built-playgrounds-summary-June-2021.pdf)

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How to Apply

To prepare for filling out our online application, we recommend downloading and reviewing our Application Preview (<https://kaboom.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/KABOOM-Application-Preview-June-2021.pdf>) to understand the information you'll need to complete the application.

Download the Application Preview (<https://kaboom.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/KABOOM-Application-Preview-June-2021.pdf>)

Once you are ready, take our eligibility to quiz to quickly determine if your community is eligible for a Community-Built Playground opportunity.

Take the Quiz! (/grants/apply)

Help

Our team is always ready to talk about Community-Built Playspace grants. If you have any questions, [contact us \(/contact/grants\)](#) and one of our experts will follow-up with you as soon as possible, typically between 3-6 business days.

- Home (<https://kaboom.org>)
- Grants (<https://kaboom.org/grants>)
- About (<https://kaboom.org/about>)
- Partners (<https://kaboom.org/partners>)
- Press Room (<https://kaboom.org/about/press>)
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- (<https://www.pinterest.com/kaboomplay>)
- (<https://www.youtube.com/user/kaboomplay>)
- (<https://www.instagram.com/kaboom/>)
- (<https://www.twitter.com/kaboom>)
- (<https://www.facebook.com/kaboom>)

Playground Grant

Up to 100% Matching Funds

For a limited time, GameTime is offering up to 100% matching funds on playground systems. With up to 100% matching funds, GameTime is helping your community bring play to more children and families. Our playground grant funds are available toward the purchase of new play systems based on need and on a first-come, first-served basis. **Apply Now!**



[<https://www.gametime.com/grant-application>]



[<https://www.gametime.com/grant-download>]

Who is Eligible for Playground Grants?

Any parks department, school, nonprofit, or other youth organization is eligible for playground equipment funding from GameTime. Submit your grant application [<https://www.gametime.com/grant-application>] for review. Our grant award team will make a funding determination within a few days of your submission.

The deadline to submit your GameTime playground grant application is October 26, 2022. Only continental U.S. applications are being accepted at this time.

Are There Other Playground Funding Opportunities?

GameTime is also offering playground grants and funding toward the purchase of select [Challenge Courses](#) [[https://www.gametime.com/products?](https://www.gametime.com/products?orderby_sort=productPrice%7Casc&limit=12&search%3Aregion=&category_group=2%7C3%7C6%7C13%7C14%7C16%7C1%7C18&category%3Aspecials[]=570&category%3Alines[]=180)

[GTfit outdoor fitness](#) [<https://www.gametime.com/gtfit>] products, and [THRIVE fitness](#) [[https://www.gametime.com/products?](https://www.gametime.com/products?orderby_sort=productPrice%7Casc&limit=12&search%3Aregion=&category_group=2%7C3%7C6%7C13%7C14%7C16%7C1%7C18&category%3Aspecials[]=570&category%3Alines[]=330)

systems. Funding amounts vary, based on the product selected. The grant application deadline is October 26, 2022. Grant funds are only offered to customers in the continental United States.

How Do I Apply For Playground Grants from GameTime?

Complete our [online grant application](#) [<https://www.gametime.com/grant-application>]. You can also [download a copy](#) [<https://www.gametime.com/grant-download>] of our application and complete it offline. If you have any questions about funding amounts or eligibility, [contact a GameTime representative](#) [<https://www.gametime.com/contact-us>] in your neighborhood or call [800-235-2440](tel:800-235-2440) [<tel:800-235-2440>].

If you are ready to plan a playground project that promotes physical activity, combats childhood obesity, and encourages all people to play together, this is the perfect time to apply.

Offer valid only in the continental United States of America. Other [terms and conditions](#) [<https://www.gametime.com/playground-grant/terms>] apply.

Playground Grant Funding for Every Community

Up to 100% Matching Funds on Play Systems

[Apply Now\[/grant-application\]](#)

Up to \$25,000 in Funds for Obstacle Courses

[Apply Now\[/grant-application\]](#)

Up to \$7,000 in Funds for Outdoor Fitness Equipment

[Apply Now\[/grant-application\]](#)

Grant Opportunities For Playgrounds

Learn more about the latest grant opportunities to help fund your playground project. Our comprehensive funding guide identifies playground grants that range from the local to international level.

Access Grant Funding Guide

GRANT TYPE ▼

STATE (ABBREVIATION) ▼

GRANT AMOUNT ▼

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
[www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/... \[http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/community-health-funding/index.htm\]](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/community-health-funding/index.htm) ⓘ

Zanvyl & Isabelle Krieger Fund
[www.kriegerfund.org \[http://www.kriegerfund.org\]](http://www.kriegerfund.org) ⓘ

Winthrop Rockefeller Fund
[www.wrfoundation.org... \[http://www.wrfoundation.org/how-we-work/grants/apply-for-funding/\]](http://www.wrfoundation.org/how-we-work/grants/apply-for-funding/) ⓘ

Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Grants
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Grant and Fundraising Resources



The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) periodically posts information about grant and fundraising opportunities that are available for park and recreation agencies and affiliated friends groups and 501(c)(3) [nonprofits](#).

Current NRPA Opportunities

Farmers Markets in Parks and Recreation Community of Practice

The [Farmers Markets in Parks and Recreation Community of Practice](#) (CoP) is an opportunity for agencies and organizations that support farmers markets in parks and recreation to connect and learn from peers, problem-solve market challenges, and receive assistance from cohort peers and industry experts. Over a period of seven months, 15 CoP participants will work through community engagement and market expansion journeys, while centering equity within strategies and operations to ensure markets benefit a diverse network of consumers and farm and ranch operators. Upon selection, NRPA will work with CoP participants to incorporate discussion topics and structure that reflect the needs of the cohort. The CoP will explore best practices, lessons learned and shared challenges around centering equity, shifting power structures and authentic relationship building, marketing and promotion strategies, and opportunities and challenges related to coronavirus (COVID-19) response and recovery.

All organizations that support farmers markets in park and recreation settings are encouraged to complete a brief application by August 15 to participate in the 2022 Community of Practice Cohort. [Learn more and apply.](#)*

***Please note that this is non-funded opportunity.**

Other Grant Opportunities

AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF)

AmeriCorps VGF grants will support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage, support and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments. Three-year grant awards of minimum \$100,000 will be issued by February 2023. Applicants are required to match funds equal to a percentage of their total program budget through cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applications are due September 13, 2022 by 5 p.m. EDT. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Quadratrec Cares Energize the Environment Grant Program

Quadratrec is offering two \$3,500 grants annually to applicants pursuing a program or initiative designed to benefit our environment. Examples include trail building or restoration projects, park beautification events, litter prevention initiatives, sustainable land management activities, community environmental educational projects, and youth educational engagement events. Applications for the spring grant cycle close October 30, 2022 at 11:59pm ET. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative

The Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative accepts applications quarterly from nonprofit or tax exempt groups (clubs and associations), public riding areas (local, state and federal), outdoor enthusiast associations and land conservation organizations, and communities with an interest in protecting, improving, expanding and/or maintaining access for safe, responsible and sustainable use by motorized off-road vehicles. The Initiative has contributed more than \$3.5 million in funding and equipment across more than 300 projects during the past 10 years to assist outdoor recreationists working to protect and improve access to public land and educate the public on its safe, sustainable recreational use. Applications are accepted quarterly. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Waste Management Charitable Giving

Waste Management offers charitable gifts to promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization. Waste Management primarily supports environmental initiatives, including promoting parklands and green spaces for people to enjoy and play, and environmental education initiatives targeted at middle and high school students. Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public organizations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Lisa Libraries Grant Program

Nonprofit organizations that serve low-income or underserved areas are eligible to apply for in-kind donations from The Lisa Libraries. The Lisa Libraries provides donations of free books for community facilities to host their own small libraries or to operate programs where children can take the book home. While book donations are free, The Lisa Libraries requests that recipients cover the shipping and handling costs, which are based on the destination and quantity of books. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Grant Program

Municipal entities, local nonprofits and public schools are eligible to apply to support the planting of fruitful trees and plants to alleviate hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding environment. Trees can be planted at community gardens, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, schools, and other locations where they will serve the greater community. The Foundation provides high-quality trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation

This program was created to increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball. The program prioritizes bold, innovative, and creative ideas that increase opportunities for youth, particularly those who are minorities, girls, and/or located in underresourced communities. Funds may be used to support capital projects (e.g., field renovations), baseball/softball programs, and education initiatives. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program — Rural Communities

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides grants, low-interest direct loans, and/or combinations of the two to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including public facilities, community support services, and local food systems such as community gardens and food hubs. Public entities, nonprofit organizations and tribal entities in rural communities are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grants

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program that supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities and advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount. Initial applications must be submitted to grants.gov by August 4, 2022 at 11:59pm EST. Final application are due August 16, 2022 by 11:59pm EST. [Learn more and apply.](#)

United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facility Services Program

The USTA offers business development, advocacy, technical and financial support to improve or construct tennis facilities across the country. In addition, each applicant will be appointed a project consultant from the USTA national staff who will deliver personalized support and service. Service applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

The Skatepark Project Grants

The Skatepark Project is dedicated to promoting the construction of new, quality skateparks located in underserved communities throughout the United States. The Skatepark Project primarily supports projects that can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, particularly in the form of planning and/or fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. Priority is given to projects that are designed to increase equity in underserved areas, are built from concrete by experienced skatepark contractors and include local skaters in the planning, fundraising and design process. Grants of \$1,000 to \$300,000 are provided to nonprofit organizations and state or local agencies, including public school systems and public projects. The Skatepark Project accepts Letters of Inquiry year-round and has quarterly award cycles. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Fundraising and Marketing Resources

When looking for funding and grants, there are many resources available on the internet. Below are just a few suggestions on where to start your research.

1. **Candid** (Formerly Foundation Center and Guidestar): Provides training and research information on corporate and foundation grant programs as well as access to IRS 990 forms for foundations and other nonprofit organizations. The grants database is a collection of thousands of grants.
2. **Yearly** offers a free tool to create engaging, digital annual reports, donor reports and event recaps to impress your stakeholders. Yearly is a fun and easy way to design unlimited reports and integrate your stories, videos, social media posts, polls and more. Yearly is currently offering their basic level of service to agencies for free.
3. **Chronicle of Philanthropy**: The Chronicle is a newspaper for nonprofit news publishing, fundraising trends, resources, and recent grants.
4. **NRPA Crowdfunding Toolkit**
5. **Nonprofit Times**: Nonprofit management newspaper.
6. **Hoovers**: Profiles millions of U.S. companies. It is a great source for employee contact information.
7. **Fortune Magazine**: A resource for identifying companies by state and industry.
8. **Leadership directories**
9. **Google, Yahoo Finance** and other general search engines.
10. Newspapers and magazines like the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times*.

If you are interested in learning more about NRPA's fundraising resources, please contact [Cassie Pais](#) at 703.858.2151.

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