

Healthy Communities and Parks Fund



Grant Purpose

The Healthy Communities & Parks Fund (HCPF), part of the Targeted Equity Grant Program, supports projects that increase access to recreation and use of parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities in underserved areas and communities. This grant program intends to reduce health disparities in various underserved communities and invest in their capacities to meet the unique needs of their residents.

Tier 1 offers awards up to \$15,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, based on available funding. Priority deadlines: February 28, April 30, July 31. Applications are evaluated by a Review Panel. Award recommendations do not require approval by the King County Executive or Council.

Tier 2 offers awards between \$15,000 and \$250,000. Applications are due on March 15, 2023. Applications are reviewed by an Advisory Committee and must be approved by the King County Executive and Council.



\$10 Million

Total Funding
2020-2025



\$1.4 Million

Available Funding
in 2023



Up to \$250,000

Maximum
Award Amount



2023, 2024, 2025

Annual
Application

Eligible Applicants

- City or Town
- King County Agency
- Nonprofit organization
- Tribal organization
- Fiscally-sponsored organization

Eligible Project Types

- Acquisition
- Feasibility Study
- Planning and Design
- Construction
- Programs
- Community Capacity Building

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Examples of Possible Projects

Below are examples of projects that may be funded. This list is not all-inclusive. All grant applicants for this program must ensure that public access is provided.

- Land acquisition located specifically within an Opportunity Area or that serves a community of need that will improve access to parks, open space, and recreation opportunities
- Development or renovation of recreational facilities to improve access and use by an underserved community
- Projects that provide or improve access to recreation, parks, or open spaces for people with disabilities
- Capacity building to engage community in outreach and planning around new or improved access to recreation, parks, and open/green spaces, in and for underserved communities
- Recreation activities and programs, such as:
 - Aquatics Programs
 - Exercise and Fitness Programs
 - Individual and Team Sports Programs
 - Camping and Outdoor Recreation Programs
 - Arts and Cultural Activities
 - Environmental Stewardship Programs
 - Park Activation and Events
 - Nutrition and Food Justice Programs

Visit the Levy Grants website to view a list of previously awarded projects.

Projects Not Funded By This Program

Projects that do not align with the goals of this grant program may include, but are not limited to:

- Lobbying and attempts to influence legislation.
- Removal of unauthorized encampments
- Properties acquired via condemnation action of any kind
- Specific projects or actions identified as mitigation as part of a habitat conservation plan approved by the federal government for incidental take of endangered or threatened species or other projects identified for habitat mitigation purposes