

Department of Parks
and Recreation

Rec For All Community
Grants

Pre- Application Meeting
December 05, 2025



Agenda

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REC for All – Programming Grant

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Partnership

- The Partnerships and Development Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation “DPR”, serves as the mechanism by which all DPR’s partners, volunteers, donations, and sponsors are recognized as an official entity approved to provide a program or service for the residents of the District of Columbia.



Partnerships and Development Process

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| STEP 1 (APPLY) | Applicant applies (full scope and supporting documents needed to move forward) |
| STEP 2 (REVIEW) | DPR internal review (45 days) |
| STEP 3 (APPROVAL NOTIFICATION) | Applicant pre-approval: Approved- Applicant will be sent the draft agreement with approved program dates; Not approved: Applicant will be sent notification |
| STEP 4 (MOA DRAFT) | If approved, a draft of the MOA is shared with applicant to approve finalized programming/terms. |
| STEP 5 (APPLICANT APPROVAL) | Applicant approves MOA |
| STEP 6 (LEGAL APPROVES MOA) | DPR Legal team reviews |
| STEP 7 (DPR EXECUTES AGREEMENT) | DPR Director signs MOA |
| STEP 8 (APPLICANT SIGNS MOA) | Applicant signs MOA |
| STEP 9 (PROCESS COMPLETE) | MOA is active |

FAQ's

- **WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**
 - Applicants should apply no less than 3 months prior to expected start date to ensure timely processing
- **WILL THE TIMELINE BE THE SAME IF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AREN'T INITIALLY RECEIVED?**
 - Documents not uploaded at initial application will delay the partnership process beyond 45 days
- **DOES A GRANT GUARANTEE AN APPROVAL IN THE PARTNERSHIP PROCESS?**
 - **A GRANT DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PARTNERSHIP. EVERYONE MUST APPLY FOR A PARTNERSHIP TO BE CONSIDERED**
- **TO SUBMIT A PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION AND FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AND TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS (VISIT [DPR.DC.GOV](https://dpr.dc.gov) AND CLICK [PARTNERSHIPS](#)).**
 - [HTTPS://DPR.DC.GOV/PAGE/PARTNERSHIPS-AND-DEVELOPMENT-DIVISION](https://dpr.dc.gov/page/partnerships-and-development-division)

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING
FOR THE
UPCOMING FRESH
START 5K SCAN
HERE

Learn more about the 12th
annual Fresh Start 5k at
<https://fitdc.com/>

DC Parks and Recreation Presents **FITDC** | **FRESH START 5K** VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITIES



SCAN QR CODE



**FRESH START 5K
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers and Background Checks

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| STEP 1 | Volunteer Registers via CERVIS platform |
| STEP 2 | Volunteer is sent information to complete the background check application by partnership designated staff |
| STEP 3 | Once application is complete, volunteer schedules fingerprinting appointment |
| STEP 4 | Request sent to volunteer to submit headshot |
| STEP 5 | Volunteers will receive an orientation and volunteer ID badge once cleared and headshot is received |
| STEP 6 | Volunteers can begin service |

Rec for All Request for Applications



Scan the QR Code to
view the RFA

Program Expectations for Programming Grant



Innovative Programs that are:

Informative and Fun

Dynamic

Safe

Personal and Professional



Ages 6 to 18

Staff must have a DPR background check completed

All Participant must be registered and enrolled in RecTrac



In-Person Experience

All programs must be done in person



Minimum of 6 weeks

This grant is not for one-time events



Must incorporate the Core Values listed below:

Equity

Inclusion

Empowerment

Community

Sustainability

Innovation:

Programming Grant

New and existing innovative programmatic offerings that will allow residents to discover new passions.



Organizations can request up to \$75,000 to support the launch or expansion of a new or existing program.

Programming Grant Application Categories

Cultural Arts

- Mural Development
- Dance/Theatre
- Photography/Videography
- Drama Therapy

Youth Development

- Global Education/Exploration
- Entrepreneurship/Career Exploration
- Leadership Development
- STEM/STEAM (BOOST)

Programming Grant Application Categories

Environmental

- Gardening
- Nutrition
- Nature and Healing

Sports/Athletics

- Sports/Fitness
- Sport Education/Business
- Sports Health & Wellness
- Sport Broadcasting/Social Media
- E-Sports

Programming Grant Application Categories

Therapeutic Recreation

- Recreation and activity-based interventions to improve the physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual well-being of individuals with disabilities, illnesses or other health challenges through the following:
 - Sports
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Music therapy
 - Dance therapy
 - Adaptive Sports
 - Please ensure applications address the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Programming Grant



Application Closing Date: December 19th
@4:00pm



DPR anticipates awarding up to \$1,000,000
for this grant opportunity.



Period of Performance: The grant
opportunity will end on September 30th



Location: All programming must be operated
in the District of Columbia and In-Person

Programming Grant Payments and Invoicing

Awardee will receive a Purchase Order from the DIFS System

All invoices will be submitted in DIFS

There are three payments:

Payment one: Orientation, Site Visit, Background Checks, Work/Recruitment Plan, Required Insurance

Payment two: Program and Expenditure Reports

Payment three: 80% RecTrac Participant Roster



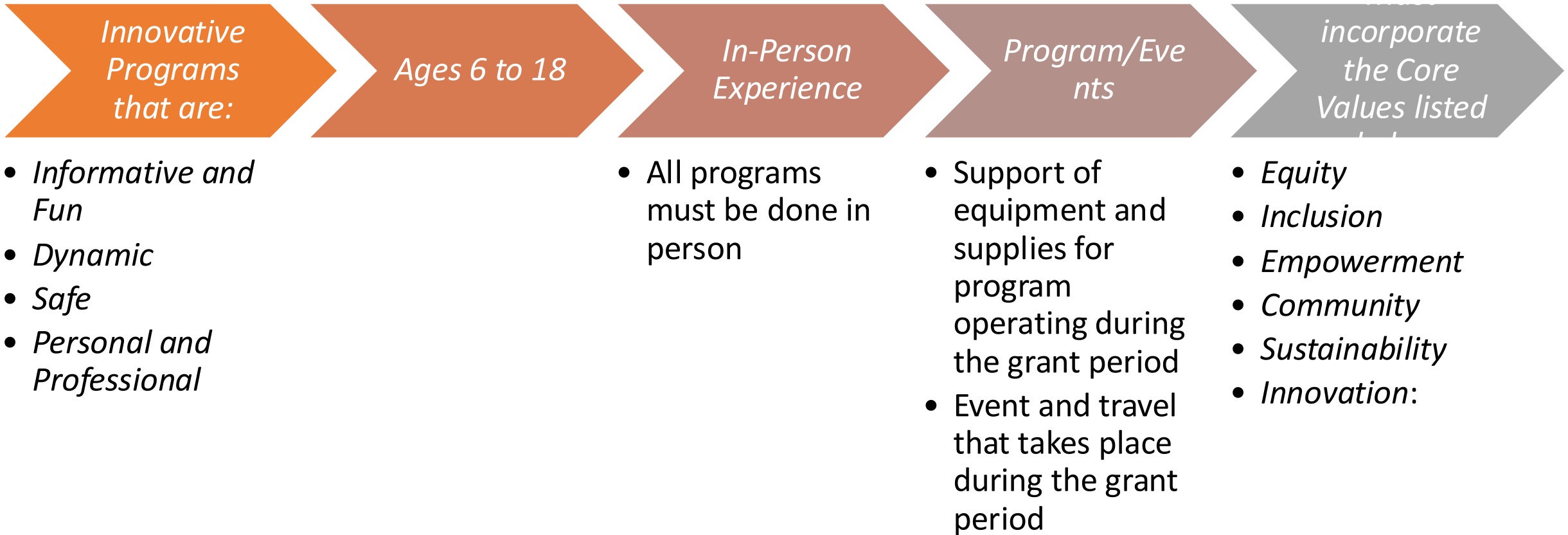
Programming Grant

Organization must
apply with in the
ZOOMgrants System

PLEASE make sure
organization is
registered for DIFS.

Registration as a
vendor with
SAM.gov

Program Expectations for Support, Engagement and Event & Travel Grant





SEE (Support, Engagement and Event & Travel) Grant

Support

Up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) grant to purchase equipment, supplies, and materials for existing programs including sports, cultural arts, and youth development.

Engagement

Up to ten thousand dollars \$10,000 grant for field trips and other engagement activities for youth groups.

Event and Travel

Up to ten thousand dollars \$10,000 grant to support either an event, tournament, or travel for athletic competitions for youth groups.

SEE (Support, Engagement and Event & Travel) Grant



Application Closing Date: December 19th



DPR anticipates awarding up to \$540,000 for this grant opportunity.



Period of Performance: The grant opportunity will end on September 30th



Payment: Awardees will receive the funds through a Grant Fiscal Agent



Location: All programming must be operated in the District of Columbia and In-Person

Department of Parks and Recreation RFA# DPR-R4AP-2026

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DC Department of Parks and Recreation
**FY26 REC for All
Programming Grant**
Request for Applications (RFA)
RFA No.: DPR-R4AP-2026
RFA Release Date:
Thursday, November 20, 2025
Pre-Application Meeting
Friday, December 5, 2025 at 11:00 am
Attendance is encouraged
(Please register at [Pre-Application Registration Link](#) if you will be attending the pre-application meeting.)

Application Submission Deadline:
Friday, December 19, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Applications shall be submitted electronically through the Grants Management Portal, click here: [Grant Management System](#)

PAPER, LATE, OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Request for Application Highlights

All application must be submitted in the Grant Management System

The link is located on the front of the RFA

The screenshot shows the ZoomGrants application portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DPR logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for "Open Programs" with a link to "How do I do this?". The main content area displays "REC FOR ALL - PROGRAMMING GRANTS" with a date of "3/5/2024 - Organizations Only" and two buttons: "Apply" and "Preview". On the right side, there is a "New ZoomGrants Account" form with fields for Email, Password, First Name, Last Name, and Account Type (Organization). Below the form, there is a "New Account" button and a note: "If you already have an account, Login Here as an existing ZoomGrants user."

Request for Application Highlights

All application questions should be answered completely.

The application will be scored individually based on the rubric listed in the RFAs.

Awardees will be expected to submit Status Report and Expenditure Report

- Please be mindful that with grant funds all equipment brought are owned by DPR.

Awardees will be monitored during their grant period

Request for Application Highlights


All required documents are needed for submission.



Clean Hand Certificate and Certificate of Good Standing are different documents



General Liability Insurance is need at submission, but additional insurance may be required for award. (Insurance Requirements will in Library Section on the application).



DC Government Funding Form



Q & A





Important Information

Reminder: Both Grants closes on December 19, 2025

If you have additional questions, you can email:
dpr.grants@dc.gov

Point of Contact: LaShaun Basil
lashaun.basil@dc.gov

You can not contact the Program Office directly

Other Grant Opportunities:

Any future grant will be on the DPR Website