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City Parks Foundation Grants \$1.8M to 154 Organizations Supporting NYC's Parks and Open Spaces Through NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund and Green / Arts LIVE Grant Programs

August 9, 2022 - New York, NY - City Parks Foundation is pleased to announce that the [NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund](#) (NYC Green Fund) and Green / Arts LIVE have granted \$1,820,640 to 154 organizations, putting money directly into the hands of hundreds of on-the-ground volunteers and parks groups working to promote New Yorkers' use of their open spaces. These recipient organizations are doing critical work to make the city's parks more accessible, equitable and active through beautification, free arts programming and health and wellness programming. The varied scope of their activities is as broad as the millions of New Yorkers that use the city's parks, and the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund and Green / Arts LIVE have granted these funds with equity at the heart of all evaluation processes.

These funds were granted through three distinct grant programs, including:

- NYC Green Fund: Grassroots Support 2022 – 89 recipients for \$225,000 total awarded
- NYC Green Fund: Direct Relief 2022 – 54 recipients for \$1,500,000 total awarded
- Green / Arts LIVE 2022 – 11 recipients for \$95,640 total awarded

Grant recipients include the following:

NYC Green Fund Grassroots Support Grantees:

The Bronx

Bronx Institute for Urban Systems - Mill Brook Garden

Caldwell Enrichment Program Inc. - Jennings Street Open Street (b/t Prospect Ave. & Chisholm St.)

Eastchester Road Community Garden - Eastchester Road Community Garden

El Rincon Criollo Centro Cultural Inc. - El Rincon Criollo Centro Cultural Community Garden

Friends of 4 Parks Alliance, Inc. - Reverend T. Wendell Foster Park

Friends of Aqueduct Walk - Aqueduct Walk

Friends of Devoe Park - Devoe Park

Friends of Mosholu Parkland - Mosholu Parkland
Future Star Productions - Crotona Park, Playground #9
Garden of Happiness - Garden of Happiness
James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, Inc. - Jerome Park, DeWitt Clinton Educational Campus and Mosholu Parkland.
Kelly Street Block Association - Street Trees on Kelly Street
Morning Glory Garden - Morning Glory Garden
Mott Haven - Port Morris Community Land Stewards - Maria Sola Community Greenspace
River Garden - River Garden
Salsa Stories - Playground 52 LII
Stewards of Ewen Park - Ewen Park
Urban Cultivated - Bissel Gardens - Baychester Meadow
Woodycrest Community Garden - Woodycrest Community Garden

Brooklyn

Chauncey Street Block & Tenants Association - Street tree beds along Chauncey Street btw Howard Avenue & Saratoga Avenue
Farmer's Garden - Farmer's Garden & Friends of Flower
Floyd Bennett Children's Garden - Floyd Bennett Field Community Garden
Fred McLeod Community Garden - Fred McLeod Community Garden
Friends of Asser Levy Park - Asser Levy Park
Friends of Brower Park - Brower Park
Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park - Bushwick Inlet Park
Friends of Cooper Park - Cooper Park
Friends of Garden Kitchen Lab - St. John's Recreation Center
Friends of St. Andrew's Playground - St. Andrew's Playground
Friends of Transmitter Park - WNYC Transmitter Park
Good Shepherd's Community Garden - Good Shepherd's Community Garden
Marine Park Alliance - Marine Park
My Friends Place NY, Inc. - Brizzi Playground
Not Just Hoops, Inc. - The Seasons Of Vision Garden
Owl's Head Park Volunteers - Owl's Head Park
Union Street Garden - Union Street Garden
Walt L. Shamel Community Garden - Walt L. Shamel Community Garden
Warren-St. Marks Community Garden - Warren- St. Marks Community Garden

Manhattan

500 West 150th St. Block Association - Street tree beds from W. 150th St. & Amsterdam to Broadway
Art in the Park- Alice Kornegay Triangle Park
Bball Fitness - Wright Brothers Park
E3CD Block Association - Street trees on East 3rd St. between Ave. C and Ave. D
Edgecombe Avenue Tree Support Group - Jackie Robinson Park & Edgecombe Ave.
Electric Ladybug Garden - Electric Ladybug Garden
ESCHS PA, Inc. - East Side Community High School Tree Beds
FLEX-N-POETTREE - El Barrio Community Garden
Fort Washington Green - Fort Washington Green
Friends of Colonel Young Park/Malcolm X Community Improvement Association - Brigadier General (Colonel) Charles Young Park

Friends of Corlears Hook Park - Corlears Hook Park
Friends of Inwood Hill Park - Inwood Hill Park
Friends of Montgomery Triangle Park - Montgomery Triangle Park
Hamilton Grange - Alexander Hamilton Playground, Johnny Hartman Park, Johnny Hartman Plaza and Sidewalk street trees in Hamilton Heights
Harlem Rose Garden - Harlem Rose Garden
Hope Steven Garden - Hope Steven Garden
JumpShots Over GunShots ilnc. - St. Nicholas Park, Colonel Young Playground, Holcombe Rucker Park
La Plaza Cultural Armando Perez Community Garden - La Plaza Cultural de Armando Perez Community Garden
Lydia's Magic Garden - Lydia's Magic Garden
M'Finda Kalunga Community Garden - M'Finda Kalunga Community Garden in Sara D Roosevelt Park
Malcolm X Boulevard Beautification Group - Street trees & medians on Malcolm X Blvd.
Marcus Meets Malcolm - Open Street W. 120th Street (b/t Malcolm X. Blvd. & Mt. Morris Park W.)
Morningside Park Conservancy - Morningside Park
New York City Mountain Bike Association - Highbridge Park
PROJECT HARMONY, INC. - The Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial Garden
Saint Nicholas Dog Run - Saint Nicholas Park
Seward Park Conservancy - Seward Park
Two Bridges Tower Tenant Assoc./Friends of Pier 35 - Pier 35
Washington Heights & Inwood (WHIN) Food Council - Sherman Creek Park/Riley Levin Children's Garden
Washington Houses Gardens - Washington Houses
West 123rd St. Community Garden - West 123rd St. Community Garden
West 132nd Street Community Garden - West 132nd Street Community Garden

Queens

The Garden by the Bay- The Garden by the Bay
Abuela Neighborhood Maintenance - Hollis Playground
The Network, Inc. (SEQ Cleanup) - Roy Wilkins Park Garden
Forest Hills Tree Stewards - Yellowstone Park, Ehrenreich Park, Willow Lake Park, Annadale Park
FMCP Conservancy - Flushing Meadows-Corona Park
Ridgewood Community Garden - Ridgewood Community Garden
Paradise Community Garden NY - Paradise Community Garden NY
Tree of Life Organic Garden - Tree of Life Organic Garden
Kissena Synergy Velodrome Friends Group - Kissena Park Velodrome
Flowering Queens - Street tree beds in Astoria and East Elmhurst
Friends of Astoria Heights Park - Astoria Heights Playground
Prospect Cemetery Association, Inc. - Prospect Cemetery
Friends of Francis Lewis Park - Francis Lewis Park

Staten Island

New York Community League - Freshkills Park (including Schmul Park and Owl Hollow Soccer Fields)
Canvas Institute - Tompkinsville Park
Friends of Tompkinsville Park - Tompkinsville Park
Van Duzer Street Civic Association - Tappen Park
Port Richmond Strong Civic Association - Veterans Park
Conference House Park Conservancy, Inc. - Conference House Park

NYC Green Fund Direct Relief Grantees:

The Bronx

161st Street BID
The Bronx is Blooming
Bronx River Alliance
CatRock Ventures, Inc.
Christodora
The HOPE Program
Kelly Street Garden
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Inc.
New Settlement
Randall's Island Park Alliance
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
We Stay/Nos Quedamos, Inc.

Brooklyn

Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
East New York Restoration LDC
Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Inc.
The Friends of Brownsville Parks
Gowanus Canal Conservancy
North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
Parent-Child Relationship Association Inc.
Prospect Park Alliance
Success Garden Community Group
United Community Centers, Inc.
Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

Manhattan

Broadway Mall Association
Concrete Safaris Inc.
Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Alliance
Harlem Grown, Inc.
Hudson River Community Sailing
Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy
Morris-Jumel Mansion
New York Restoration Project
LES Ecology Center
Washington Square Park Conservancy

Queens

Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park
The Forest Park Trust Inc.
Guardians of Flushing Bay
Hunters Point Parks Conservancy
Lewis Latimer House Museum

Newtown Creek Alliance
NYC H2O
Queens Botanical Garden
Queens Economic Development Corporation
Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation
Socrates Sculpture Park

Staten Island

Alice Austen House
Freshkills Park Alliance
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
Staten Island Urban Center

Multi Borough

Brooklyn Queens Land Trust
The Campaign Against Hunger
City Growers
The Friends of Governors Island
Green Guerillas, Inc.
Natural Areas Conservancy

Green / Arts LIVE 2022 Grantees:

Art in the Park - Alice Kornegay Triangle Park
Friends of 4 Parks Alliance - Joyce Kilmer Park
Friends of Art Park - Harlem Art Park
Friends of Corlears Hook Park - Corlears Hook Park
Friends of St. Nicholas Park - St. Nicholas Park
Loving the Bronx - Virginia Park
Morrissania Band Project - Joyce Kilmer Park, Rev. Lena Irons Playground
Not Just Hoops, Inc. - Seasons of Vision Garden
Success Community Garden - George Walker Jr. Park / Success Community Garden
Universal Temple of the Arts - Mahoney Playground

Funded projects will advance critical work to ensure New York City's parks remain safe, productive and fun places for all New Yorkers to recharge mentally and physically, and additional rounds of funding through the NYC Green Fund will open in late Fall 2022. "It's incredibly important to note that all funds granted through the NYC Green Fund and Green / Arts LIVE are intended to not only bring vital programming and services to our parks, but also to systematically address park inequities by investing in communities that are disproportionately vulnerable to environmental injustices. Communities with parks that have suffered at the hands of systemic racism and inequitable resource distribution will see immense benefits from this milestone round of funding," said Heather Lubov, Executive Director of City Parks Foundation.

The NYC Green Fund is administered by City Parks Foundation, with support from Partnerships for Parks (PfP) — a joint program of City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks, which helps manage the grassroots grants program. Generous private support for the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund is provided by the Albert Giving Fund, Altman Foundation, Booth Ferris Foundation, the Charles H. Revson Foundation, Con

Edison, The J.M. Kaplan Fund, The JPB Foundation, Klein Family Foundation, Leon Levy Foundation, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, Libra Fund, Lily Auchincloss Foundation, Monarch Foundation, The New York Community Trust, The Prospect Hill Foundation, The Thompson Family Foundation, & many philanthropic individuals.

Green / Arts LIVE is administered by City Parks Foundation in collaboration with Mov!ng Culture Projects and Partnerships for Parks. Generous private support is provided by Con Edison's Arts Al Fresco Series and the Thompson Family Foundation.

About City Parks Foundation

At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs – located in hundreds of parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City – reach thousands of people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.

About the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund

In May 2020, a coalition of national, family, and community foundations launched the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund to support stewardship organizations that care for New York City's parks and open spaces. The Fund is intended to respond to the most urgent needs facing the City's parks and open spaces, while spurring policy-makers to address ongoing systemic challenges, and provide adequate funding to maintain and improve them. The Fund was launched in response to the efforts of the Parks and Open Space Partners – NYC coalition to raise awareness of the financial impacts of the pandemic on open spaces. The Fund is intended to grow, and we encourage those interested in supporting the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund to donate now or contact NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org for more information.

About Partnerships for Parks

Partnerships for Parks is a unique public-private partnership between City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks that supports and champions neighborhood volunteers by giving them the tools they need to advocate and care for their neighborhood parks and green spaces. We equip people, organizations and government with the skills and tools they need to transform these spaces into dynamic community assets.

About Green / Arts LIVE

The Green / Arts LIVE NYC small grants program is designed to encourage community park groups, artists, and community-based arts organizations to collaborate to present free performing arts programs in parks in under-resourced neighborhoods across NYC's five boroughs. The goal is for grantees to build partnerships that create long-term relationships within the community to sustain outdoor programming beyond the scope of this funding.

About Mov!ng Culture Projects

Mov!ng Culture Projects travels from street to park to plaza, partnering with communities to develop and produce cultural events and public programs to elevate and celebrate the arts, culture, and heritage of their neighborhoods. Mov!ng Culture Projects is led by Robin Schatell and Ethan Lercher, two culture makers/creative producers whose work is grounded in the belief that the arts are a vital part of a healthy society. They are driven by an enduring interest in people and the transformative power of the arts to strengthen individual and community bonds and support emotional health and wellbeing. They will guide

Green / Arts LIVE grantees through the shaping, planning, and presenting of outdoor performing arts events in their parks and gardens. www.movingcultureprojects.com.