



## FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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### COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM RECREATION FACILITY GRANTS

**FREDERICK, MD** - Frederick County, through its Parks and Recreation Commission (FCPRC) is accepting applications from eligible non-profit community organizations that provide recreation opportunities for county residents, for funding from its Community Grant Program for fiscal year 2023 (beginning July 1, 2022). The following organizations are eligible and may apply for grants: Homeowners Associations, Civic/Community/Service Organizations, Athletic Associations and Recreation Councils.

Grants are for improving existing recreation facilities or constructing new ones on land owned or utilized by the organization. Funding is not allowed on land owned by federal, state, municipalities or Frederick County. Funds will be provided prior to project construction and can be applied towards the cost of materials, equipment and contracted labor. Construction labor may be provided by any combination of volunteer service by the organization and/or paid contractors. Grants will not be awarded to meet the annual maintenance needs for existing facilities. Projects must be completed within two years of July 1st of the funding year (For FY2023, this will be June 30, 2024).

A FCPRC sub-committee objectively evaluates the applications and projects. Scores are assigned according to the following criteria: 1) Recreational and Community Value, 2) Project and Planning, 3) Site Plan/ Master Plan and 4) Local Contribution. The sub-committee's recommendation is forwarded to the FCPRC who makes the final decision. Applicants are provided a copy of the Project Evaluation Form, which indicates scores and comments, by the evaluators.

Please visit our website for additional information and to see if your organizations project qualifies: [www.recreater.com/322/Community-Grants-Program](http://www.recreater.com/322/Community-Grants-Program). New this year, grant applications will be submitted online and must be completed by 4:30pm Friday August 5, 2022. It is expected that organizations will be notified by November regarding grant awards. A budget of \$100,000 has been approved for FY2023. General Information on the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation may be found on its web site: [www.recreater.com](http://www.recreater.com).