



**FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION**

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**Frederick County Parks and Recreation Announces the  
Opening of the FY2024 Community Grant Program**

FREDERICK, MD. June 30, 2023. Frederick County Parks and Recreation today announced the opening of the FY2024 Community Grant Program, a Frederick County Parks and Recreation grant program for eligible non-profit community organizations that provides funds for recreational facilities for county residents.

The Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation through its Parks and Recreation Commission (FCPRC) is accepting applications for the FY2024 Community Grant Program. The application process will be available from July 1, 2023, through August 4, 2023. Various organizations are eligible to apply for the grants including Homeowners Associations, Civic/Community/Service Organizations, Athletic Associations and Recreation Councils.

Community 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 FY2024, this will be June 30, 2025).

A FCPRC sub-committee will objectively evaluate the applications and projects. Scores are assigned according to the following criteria: recreational and community value, project and planning, site plan/master plan, and local contribution. The sub-committee recommendations will be forwarded to the FCPRC who will make the final decision. Applicants are provided a copy of the Project Evaluation Form, which indicates scores and comments, by the evaluators.

For additional information on the Community Grant Process and to see if your organizations project qualifies go to [www.recreator.com/322/Community-Grants-Program](http://www.recreator.com/322/Community-Grants-Program). Grant applications will be submitted online and must be completed by 4:30 pm Friday August 4, 2023. Organizations will be notified by November 2023 regarding grant awards. A budget of \$100,000 has been approved for FY2024; however, applicants may only request up to \$25,000.

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**About Frederick County Parks and Recreation**

The Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation is a division of Frederick County Government and is responsible for operating a variety of parks, facilities, and recreation programs within Frederick County, Maryland. They are committed to the highest level of care for our natural and historic resources while making the park facilities and the recreational programs available to all. It is their belief that the benefits of parks and of recreation are far reaching and vital to each and every individual, family, and community in Frederick County. More information about their services is available on their website at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com).

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