

# PARK AND TRAIL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS ARE EXPANDING IN 2022

The Park and Trail Partnership Grant program, administered jointly by Parks & Trails New York and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), is a \$2 million capacity-building matching grants program funded through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund. The program was designed to increase the sustainability, effectiveness, and productivity of non-profit organizations that support public lands affiliated with OPRHP or the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).



**In 2022, funding for the grant program has doubled to \$2 million.** This increase will help groups take on bigger projects, create opportunities that encourage new partnerships, provide resources to organizations to train, educate, and develop action plans to internally address diversity, equity, inclusion and justice, and expand access to more grassroots organizations that champion our public lands.



## STEWARDSHIP AND PUBLIC ACCESS CAPACITY (MAX \$150,000)

**Goal:** assist organizations with stewardship, interpretation, promotion, education, and public access of a New York State park, trail, historic site or public land, or a partnership which significantly enhances the organization's visibility and capacity

**Examples:** public access or engagement improvements such as new trails with signage, implementation of a community outreach plan, community-building initiatives resulting in greater public involvement, especially from new and presently underserved audiences, and those which enhance age-friendly recreational opportunities



### NEW IN 2022:

- Prioritizing funds for groups to develop community partnerships around their park or site
- Increase in maximum request from **\$75,000** to **\$150,000** per project

## CAPACITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (MAX \$100,000)



**Goal:** strengthen the capacity and expertise of individual organizations to aid them in fulfilling their mission and to improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact.

**Example projects:** training for board/ staff, strategic plan creation, partnership development, program implementation

### NEW IN 2022:

- Funding available for hiring a consultant or implementing a training program to enhance staff, board, and/or programmatic diversity within the organization
- Increase in maximum request from **\$50,000** to **\$100,000**

## STEP-UP GRANTS (MAX \$20,000)

**Goal:** assist organizations with the administrative and legal fees needed to secure 501(c)(3) status, along with the costs associated with completing a consultant-facilitated organizational assessment and resulting plan(s).

### NEW IN 2022:

- Increase in maximum request from **\$10,000** to **\$20,000**



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MAX \$150,000)

**Goal:** support the hiring of permanent staff in order to advance organizations to a higher and sustainable level of professionalism, fiscal and administrative stability, and outreach that in the future they will be able to sustain on their own.

**Examples:** hiring the organization's first staff member, hiring additional staff members, upgrading part-time staff to full time, hiring staff to be shared by two or more organizations

### NEW IN 2022:

- Increase in maximum request from **\$100,000** to **\$150,000**



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