



# Legacy Grant Overview & Information

## Overview

Park Pride's Legacy Grant program provides matching grants of \$50,000 or more to community groups for the implementation of comprehensive park visions and master plans. Applicants may request up to 50% of their total project budget from Park Pride and are responsible for securing the remaining funds. **First time grant applicants do not qualify for Legacy Grants.**

## Eligibility

- ❖ Applicant must be a registered Park Pride Friends of the Park group
- ❖ Project is in a park or on public land with public access in the **City of Atlanta**
- ❖ Applicant has completed all previous Park Pride grant projects
- ❖ Must be a capital project

## Requirements

- ❖ Project must have documented community support
- ❖ Project must be approved by the property owner through a Park Permitting & Design Review Meeting
- ❖ Project must be part of a City/County approved Master Plan OR Park Vision Plan OR Professional Site Plan developed through community involvement
- ❖ Project is sustainable and can be completed within 18 months
- ❖ Applicant must match grant dollars on a 1:1 basis (through cash and in-kind donations)
  - Community investment is required
  - Volunteer hours can count toward your match if it is included on the project budget
  - Matching funds must be spent on items included in the Project Budget
- ❖ All applicants are required to attend the Grant Workshop prior to the application deadline, submit an LOI, host a site visit with Park Pride, and submit an application following the site visit

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be considered based on the merits, viability, sustainability of the proposed project, and level of community support. Park Pride may award grants for a portion of the amount requested. In addition to the requirements above, projects will be evaluated on the following:

- ❖ Level of community involvement in development of the plan and overall project
- ❖ Community participation in fundraising
- ❖ Success of previous park improvement projects
- ❖ Project addresses an identified need
- ❖ Effective use of requested funds
- ❖ Materials are appropriate for the site conditions
- ❖ Matching funds are in place/the fundraising plan is realistic
- ❖ The project timeline is realistic
- ❖ The proposed improvements are easily maintained



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## Timeline:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Contact City of Atlanta
  - ❖ **You must present at a Park Design & Permit Review Meeting**
3. Site Visit
4. Request recommendation provided by Park Pride
5. Application
  - ❖ **Complete application with budget and before photos**
  - ❖ **Planning documents:** Include all pertinent planning documents (Site plan, Master plan, Vision Plan, Renderings, Construction documents, Specification Documents, etc.).
  - ❖ **Letter of support from the property owner:** City of Atlanta
  - ❖ **Community Association letters of support:** Include a letter of support from each community association whose jurisdiction includes or borders the park. A [sample letter document](#) can be found under the “[apply now](#)” section of the grant page. Additional letters of support from police, NPU, etc. may be added in this section as well.
  - ❖ **Submit:** Combine all documents into a single PDF (can be done using [THIS website](#)) and email to [grants@parkpride.org](mailto:grants@parkpride.org)
6. Park Pride Grant Review Committee Meets
7. Awards Announced



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### City of Atlanta Project Management Requirements

Communities implementing capital improvement projects in City of Atlanta parks must assign a qualified Project Manager to coordinate with the City of Atlanta and manage all aspects of project implementation including permitting and approvals. Project Manager must be a licensed professional with prior experience dealing with tree protection, watershed, streambank and other permitting issues. It is advised to work with a professional that has prior experience working on public projects in the City of Atlanta.

Communities across the city have had success in the past 5 years with the following qualified project managers:

Astra Group

Ed Castro Landscape, Ed Castro

Integrated Land Design, Patrick Hand

L.F. Saussy

Lord Aeck Sargent, Christine Hassell

Perkins + Will, Micah Lipscomb

Pond & Company, Matt Wilder

RVI Planning, Kerry Blind

Silverman Construction Program Management

Smart Landscape, Elise Cormier

Sylvatica Studios, Ryan Jenkins

THW Design, Samantha Spitale

Stand Landscape Architecture, Clara Kwon

Jacobs, Brad Jones