



The Georgia Recreation and Park Association is a private, non-profit institution that was formed in 1945 and incorporated in 1968. The association believes that the delivery of recreation and parks services in the state has a tremendous impact economically, environmentally, and socially. The affairs of the association are governed by an elected board of trustees.

The GRPA Board of Trustees has approved seven (7) - \$1,000 grants for 2018. (One grant will be awarded in each GRPA District)

GRPA member agencies are encouraged to apply!

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New Initiative Grant Program

2018 Grant Application Information



“...to support and promote the recreation and park industries within the state of Georgia”



The Georgia Recreation and Park Association New Initiative Grant Program is intended to spur innovation in parks and recreation services at a local or regional level that ultimately could have state-wide impact.

What is eligible for funding?

Grant funding is available for new initiatives that demonstrate innovation in park and recreation services for the agency submitting the grant application, with future applicability for other agencies at a local, regional, or state-wide level. Initiatives can be defined as programs, services or events.

What is excluded?

Capital improvements like buildings and structures, funding for existing programs and services, personnel, on-going expenses and costs incurred prior to the award of the grant are not eligible.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a GRPA agency member in good standing. One grant submittal per agency
- Grant funds must be expended within the agency's current or upcoming fiscal year in which they were awarded
- 2017 Grant recipients are not eligible



Other Requirements

If the initiative that is being funded is not implemented, recipients are required to return the funds to the association.

1. Grant recipients will be required to provide a report to the association documenting all expenditures with copies of receipts. The report should also include the initiative outcomes including any variations that had to be made to the original proposal.
2. Grant recipients will be required to provide a narrative on their initiative to be included in GRPA publications and may be asked to present their initiative as a session at the GRPA annual conference.

Evaluation Process

Grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of third party recreation professionals and grant specialists. Applications will be evaluated based on this criteria:

- Innovative approach to the initiative (30%)
- Community need or support (25%)
- Feasibility or likelihood that the initiative could be used by other agencies throughout Georgia (25%)
- How the initiative will be assessed and what measures will be used to determine its success (10%)
- Thoroughness of application including all requested information (10%)

Application Process

To apply, submit a narrative describing the initiative, **no more than 4 pages** (12 pt. Times New Roman Font with 1" margins). The narrative must follow this format:

Section 1: Initiative name, location, duration, and expected audience

Section 2: Initiative personnel and grant contact information

Section 3: Initiative description (very thorough) and the innovative approach to the initiative

Section 4: Community need/support

Section 5: Initiative budget (Please state all expected revenues and expenditures - be specific, such as admissions, marketing, supplies, equipment rental, etc.)

Section 6: Feasibility or likelihood that the initiative could be used by other agencies throughout Georgia

Section 7: How the initiative will be evaluated and what measures will be used to determine its success

Up to \$1,000 is available per grant

Submit grant applications electronically in PDF format on or before 5:00pm on **Friday - January 26, 2018** to grpa@grpa.org

Applicants will be notified within 30 days

Questions? Contact the GRPA office at 770-760-1403 or grpa@grpa.org.

