



2011 Micro Grant Information

Overview

Through the generous support of the Cecil B. Day Family Foundation, Park Pride awards small matching grants to support improvements to neighborhood parks located in the City of Atlanta. Micro Grants support projects with a total budget of \$5,000 or less. Grant awards range from \$100 to \$1,000 and must be matched on a 1-to-1 basis by the applicant group. The matching funds may come from grants from other organizations or in-kind donations subject to approval from Park Pride.

Past micro grant awards have supported projects such as building or expanding a community garden, repairing park fixtures such as benches and retaining walls, invasive species removal, erosion control, and the installation of new plants and playground equipment.

Application Cycle

Micro grant applications are accepted in the spring and fall with deadlines on March 31 and September 30. Park Pride will process the applications received and will submit them to the City of Atlanta Office of Parks for input and approval. Applicants will receive a funding decision approximately two weeks after the application deadline.

Eligible Applicants

Micro grants support community engagement with neighborhood parks. Anyone with an interest in improving their neighborhood park is welcome to apply.

Award Decisions

To support geographic diversity across the city, awards in the spring grant cycle will be limited to one micro grant per NPU. If there are multiple applications from the same NPU, priority will be given to groups and parks who have not received micro grant funding in the past, as well as to projects that address more urgent maintenance needs. Park Pride may also divide the award money between multiple applicants.

In the fall application cycle, micro grants will be awarded based on availability of funds. All applications will be considered based on geographic diversity and the merits, viability, and urgency of the proposed project.

Funding Process

Micro grant recipients will sign an agreement with Park Pride committing to complete the project within one year. Park Pride will fund up to 90% of the award amount upon receipt of invoices, purchase orders, or receipts for the project; the final 10% of the award amount will be funded upon receipt of the final report and photos of the completed project.

How To Apply

The micro grant application can be downloaded from <http://www.parkpride.org/get-involved/funding-your-park>. If you have any questions about Park Pride's micro grants, please contact Amanda Martin at 404-546-7981 or amanda@parkpride.org.