

## Parks/Outdoor Recreation Grants - 2020

### **Act 799 of 2003: Fish and Wildlife Education**

*Deadline: Unspecified*

<http://arkedu.state.ar.us/commemos/static/fy0405/2285.html>

Money collected from fines levied by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is available to schools each fall. The amount of money and the time frame varies each year. Schools apply through the Quorum Court. The following educational programs have been approved for this money: Wings Over Arkansas, The Leopold Education Project, WILD Workshops, School Yard Habitats, Total Outdoor Teaching Experience, On Target For Life, Hunter Education, Boating Education, Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, Arkansas Stream Team Programs, 4-H Responsible Environmental Stewardship Quest, and Nature Mapping. When money is received by the county, school superintendents are notified. If you have a project in mind, let your superintendent know as soon as possible. Funds can also be utilized to provide avenues for teachers/educators to take students on fieldtrips to AGFC Nature Centers and Education Centers. Contact John Kunkel, 501-682-4256, [jkunkel@arkedu.k12.ar.us](mailto:jkunkel@arkedu.k12.ar.us), for content information concerning the eligible programs.

### **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism FUN Park Grant**

*Deadline: August 28, 2020*

<https://www.outdoorgrants.com/grants>

The FUN Park Grant Program is designed to assist small incorporated cities with populations of 2,500 or less and unincorporated rural communities, sponsored by their county, to develop their first basic neighborhood park or make fundamental improvements to an existing park to provide basic recreation facilities. Funding for the FUN Park Grant Program comes from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund (NCRGTF) authorized by Act 729 of 1987. Funds are collected from a tax on the transfer of certain real estate in the State of Arkansas. A \$45,000 FUN Park Grant will likely challenge the grantee's ability to stretch funds and use local resources to complete the project within the grant amount. Local funds and contributions, such as site preparations and volunteer labor, may be required to complete the park. Only ten FUN Park Grants may be funded annually.

### **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Matching Grant Program**

*Deadline: August 28, 2020*

<https://www.outdoorgrants.com/grants>

The purpose of the Matching Grant Program is to build outdoor recreation facilities; incorporated cities and counties; max award \$250,000 in reimbursable matching funds – applicant must be able to match the grant amount with a like amount of cash, or a combination of cash and donations.

### **KaBOOM! Grants**

*Deadline: Ongoing*

<https://kaboom.org/grants>

Playground grants to help communities build safe places for kids to play. There are four categories of grants offered:

- Build it with KaBOOM! - Plan and build a new playground in your community by working with KaBOOM! and our corporate partners.

- Build it Yourself! - Kick-off a new, self-guided playground project with \$15,000 to be used toward playground equipment.
- Creative Play Grants - With their custom built loose parts, Imagination Playground and Rigamajig encourage creativity, communication, and collaboration in play.
- Play Everywhere Grants - Bring play to everyday spaces with grants to enhance your city. Transform sidewalks, vacant lots, and beyond into moments of joy.

### **Explore Fund**

*Deadline: closed for 2020*

<https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/outdoor-exploration/explore-fund.html>

The North Face Explore Fund provides \$500,000 annually in grants to nonprofit organizations working in powerful and creative ways to encourage participants to experience outdoor activities and develop an enduring appreciation of the outdoors. Since its founding in 2010, the Explore Fund has provided nearly 500 grants to nonprofits that serve thousands of people in communities around the country. The Explore Fund reflects our commitment to introduce more people to the joy of exploring the outdoors and the natural world. This year, we are encouraging organizations that focus on providing their participants with environmental stewardship opportunities as well as groups that focus on outdoor experiences to apply.