

**Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Get Outdoors (GO) Fund
Grant Recommendations for Funding-October 2022**

GO Funds Available: \$200,000.00

GO Recommendation: \$200,014.00

Recommendations (listed alphabetically by applicant)

Application #	Applicant	Project Title	Locality	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	% Funded	Project Description
2	Beyond Boundaries	Outdoor Adventures	Richmond, City of	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	100%	Beyond Boundaries provides outdoor adventures to individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth, those in substance recovery & veterans. We conduct roughly 130 outings in white water rafting, fishing, rock climbing, kayaking & boating that together serve over 1,000 individuals each year. Some of our outings give participants the chance to test themselves & support each other, while some allow them to enjoy the calmness of nature while learning about local wildlife. All are wheelchair accessible.
3	Blue Sky Fund	Blue Sky Fund Explorers Program - Nature-Based Science Education for Richmond Public Schools Elementary Students	Richmond, City of	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	100%	Blue Sky Fund's Explorers program anticipates providing 2,135 3rd-5th grade Richmond Public Schools' (RPS) students and 130 teachers in 12 Title I elementary schools with nature-based education that enriches Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) science lessons from the classroom. These learning opportunities advance Richmond's racial equity in the outdoors, as well as complement RPS' efforts to improve students' academic performance in science and schools' accreditation status.
5	City of Danville	Danville Resident-Led Neighborhood Park Planning	Danville, City of	\$6,454.00	\$6,454.00	100%	Danville Parks and Recreation has chosen to approach community park changes through a resident-led design process. Our first meetings identified barriers to resident participation: childcare, supplies, refreshments, marketing, interpretation, and recruitment. Our GO project request is for financial assistance to overcome these barriers to increase resident participation. City budget constraints make it difficult to properly address these barriers.
7	Friends of the Rappahannock	Respect the Rappahannock- Expanding River Safety Education in the Rappahannock River Watershed	Stafford County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100%	The Rappahannock River has an excellent water trail with a wide range of public access sites which draws thousands of users and visitors each year. We also have routine injuries and deaths every year which are easily avoidable if river users followed proper river safety protocols. This project will build off of currently successful, community-driven efforts, to provide bilingual river safety programs and outreach materials to local schools, parks and rec programs, and first responders.
8	Independence Volunteer Fire Department	New River Connected	Grayson County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	100%	The overall project offers a web-based app and physical signage for points of interest and access along the New River lying within Grayson County borders. It adds value to data previously collected by a field data collection partner. The app provides clickable map features displaying access, portage, points of interest locations, and float segments of the river between access/portage points. The specific project component requested will provide solar powered wifi hotspots for app users.
9	INMED Partnerships for Children	Community-Led Food Production Through Aquaponics	Loudon County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	100%	INMED is introducing aquaponics, plus home and community gardening, to strengthen food security among low-income residents of the Leesburg Mobile Home Park while promoting environmental education and access to outdoor space. Aquaponics combines aquaculture and hydroponics in a closed, symbiotic system that uses 90% less water and produces up to 10 times more in the same space as conventional agriculture, while eliminating the need for chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.
11	Onley Recreation Association	ORA Teen Swim Camp	Accomack County	\$14,665.00	\$14,665.00	100%	We are looking to host a 1-week swim camp for teenage non-swimmers in our community. The camp will be held Monday-Friday for 2 hours each day. During the camp the swimmers will rotate through stations that cover basic water safety and swimming skills. The camp would be geared for older swimmers who have not had the opportunity to learn to swim yet. The camp would be offered free of charge to potentially 20-25 swimmers. The goal is to break the cycle in these families of non-swimmers.
13	OpenSpace Education	Nature-Based Arts Programming in Partnership with Richmond Public Schools (RPS)	Richmond, City of	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	100%	Open Space Education is Richmond's only outdoor education program that combines art education and nature-based learning. Our goal is to offer year-long tuition-free programs in partnership with RPS, a school system that overwhelmingly serves families that fall into a low socioeconomic bracket. Currently at RPS, where 100% of students are eligible for free meals and 79% are BIPOC, we provide access to: art education, safe outdoor time, and alternative modes of learning.

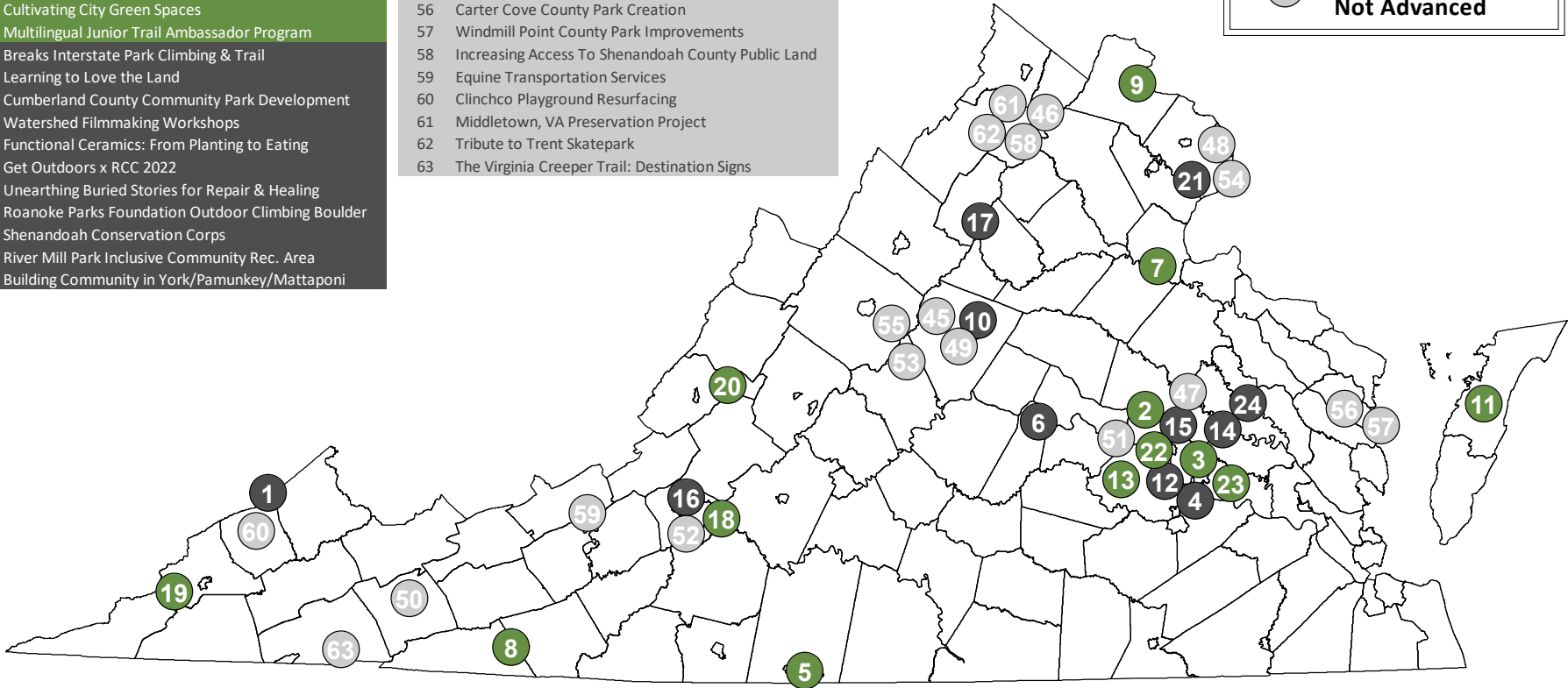
Recommendations, Continued

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18	Star City Cycling	Star City Kids Outdoors	Roanoke, City of	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100%	This project will provide disadvantaged kids in Roanoke with safe, equitable and regular access to VOF protected open spaces, by developing a transportation program to supervised mountain biking and hiking activities offered by Star City and Humble Hustle (https://www.thehumblehustle.org/). Seed financing is needed to initiate transportation, prove its effectiveness and develop sustainable funding to continue it. We intend to grow participation over time and create a replicable model.
19	Town of Appalachia	Washington Rock Recreation Area Development	Wise County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100%	The objective of this project is to develop the Washington Rock Recreation Area into an outdoor recreation, tourism, and community-use facility by capitalizing on the natural assets, historic significance, and land reuse opportunities that are present. Once developed, the area will provide picnic facilities, river access for fishing, kayaking, and tubing, and will serve as a destination for local residents and an increasing number of visitors to the area.
20	Town of Clifton Forge	Clifton Forge All-Abilities Playground & Sensory Trail Project	Alleghany County	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100%	The Clifton Forge All-Abilities Playground will improve accessibility and promote inclusion by converting an existing playground, installing safe surfacing and specialized play equipment, to allow children of all abilities to play together. The Sensory Trail Project will be developed from an existing public walking trail, engaging all seven senses with play pieces for balance, movement, and sound, planting flowers and herbs for sight and smell, berries and fruit trees for taste and touch, etc.
22	Verdant Richmond	Cultivating City Green Spaces	Richmond, City of	\$20,095.00	\$20,095.00	100%	The Richmond Grows Gardens Program makes vacant city-owned property available for community gardens. With 14 volunteer-led gardens across the City of Richmond, this project supports urban agriculture in underserved areas of the city. This funding will aid in supporting this mission by meeting community infrastructure requests that provide elevated garden beds at two sites, solar-powered cold storage for one site that hosts free grocery distributions, and funding for education and programming.
23	Virginia Capital Trail Foundation	Multilingual Junior Trail Ambassador Program	Multiple	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	100%	VCTF recently launched our first Jr Trail Ambassador program for youth ages 10-18. Funding would enable us to translate program materials into Spanish and have printed copies available to our Spanish communities. This would help us connect and engage with a younger and wider multilingual audience. This incentives-based program inspires youth to go outside, learn about their community, interact with nature, and develop healthy, active living habits at a young age that will carry into adulthood.

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13	Nature-Based Arts Programming in Partnership w/RPS
18	Star City Kids Outdoors
19	Washington Rock Recreation Area Development
20	Clifton Forge All-Abilities Playground
22	Cultivating City Green Spaces
23	Multilingual Junior Trail Ambassador Program
1	Breaks Interstate Park Climbing & Trail
4	Learning to Love the Land
6	Cumberland County Community Park Development
10	Watershed Filmmaking Workshops
12	Functional Ceramics: From Planting to Eating
14	Get Outdoors x RCC 2022
15	Unearthing Buried Stories for Repair & Healing
16	Roanoke Parks Foundation Outdoor Climbing Boulder
17	Shenandoah Conservation Corps
21	River Mill Park Inclusive Community Rec. Area
24	Building Community in York/Pamunkey/Mattaponi

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45	Autism Sanctuary
46	Borden's Marsh Foundation Education in History
47	Hotchkiss Park Strolling Trail
48	Dowden Terrace Park Renovation and ADA Access
49	Pocket Park in Downtown Charlottesville
50	Hungry Mother State Park Trail Expansion Plan
51	James River Park Systems Reedy Creek Bypass Trail
52	Girls Who Hike Virginia Inaugural Summit
53	Little Bluestem
54	Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Wayfinding
55	Riverpalooza and RioPalooza
56	Carter Cove County Park Creation
57	Windmill Point County Park Improvements
58	Increasing Access To Shenandoah County Public Land
59	Equine Transportation Services
60	Clinchco Playground Resurfacing
61	Middletown, VA Preservation Project
62	Tribute to Trent Skatepark
63	The Virginia Creeper Trail: Destination Signs

- Recommended**
- Other Project Submittal**
- Pre-Application Not Advanced**



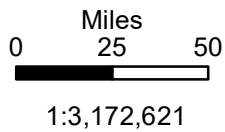
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GO Grant Funding Recommendations

Fall 2022





Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Recommended Projects, October 11, 2022

Applicant: 2, Beyond Boundaries

Project Title: Outdoor Adventures

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$20,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$20,000.00

Description: Beyond Boundaries provides outdoor adventures to individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth, those in substance recovery & veterans. We conduct roughly 130 outings in white water rafting, fishing, rock climbing, kayaking & boating that together serve over 1,000 individuals each year. Some of our outings give participants the chance to test themselves & support each other, while some allow them to enjoy the calmness of nature while learning about local wildlife. All are wheelchair accessible.

Applicant: 3, Blue Sky Fund

Project Title: Blue Sky Fund Explorers Program - Nature-Based Science Education for Richmond Public Schools Elementary Students

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$5,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$5,000.00

Description: Blue Sky Fund's Explorers program anticipates providing 2,135 3rd-5th grade Richmond Public Schools' (RPS) students and 130 teachers in 12 Title I elementary schools with nature-based education that enriches Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) science lessons from the classroom. These learning opportunities advance Richmond's racial equity in the outdoors, as well as complement RPS' efforts to improve students' academic performance in science and schools' accreditation status.

Applicant: 5, City of Danville

Project Title: Danville Resident-Led Neighborhood Park Planning

Locality: Danville, City of

Funds Requested: \$6,454.00

Funds Recommended: \$6,454.00

Description: Danville Parks and Recreation has chosen to approach community park changes through a resident-led design process. Our first meetings identified barriers to resident participation: childcare, supplies, refreshments, marketing, interpretation, and recruitment. Our GO project request is for financial assistance to overcome these barriers to increase resident participation. City budget constraints make it difficult to properly address these barriers.

Applicant: 7, Friends of the Rappahannock

Project Title: Respect the Rappahannock- Expanding River Safety Education in the Rappahannock River Watershed

Locality: Stafford County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$15,000.00

Description: The Rappahannock River has an excellent water trail with a wide range of public access sites which draws thousands of users and visitors each year. We also have routine injuries and deaths every year which are easily avoidable if river users followed proper river safety protocols. This project will build off of currently successful, community-driven efforts, to provide bilingual river safety programs and outreach materials to local schools, parks and rec programs, and first responders.

Applicant: 8, Independence Volunteer Fire Department

Project Title: New River Connected

Locality: Grayson County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: The overall project offers a web-based app and physical signage for points of interest and access along the New River lying within Grayson County borders. It adds value to data previously collected by field data collection partner. The app provides clickable map features displaying access, portage, points of interest locations, and float segments of the river between access/portage points. The specific project component requested will provide solar powered wifi hotspots for app users.

Applicant: 9, INMED Partnerships for Children

Project Title: Community-Led Food Production Through Aquaponics

Locality: Loudon County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: INMED is introducing aquaponics, plus home and community gardening, to strengthen food security among low-income residents of the Leesburg Mobile Home Park while promoting environmental education and access to outdoor space. Aquaponics combines aquaculture and hydroponics in a closed, symbiotic system that uses 90% less water and produces up to 10 times more in the same space as conventional agriculture, while eliminating the need for chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.

Applicant: 11, Onley Recreation Association

Project Title: ORA Teen Swim Camp

Locality: \$14,665.00

Funds Requested: \$14,665.00

Funds Recommended: Accomack County

Description: We are looking to host a 1 week swim camp for teenage non-swimmers in our community. The camp will be held Monday-Friday for 2 hours each day. During the camp the swimmers will rotate through stations that cover basic water safety and swimming skills. The camp would be geared for older swimmers who have not had the opportunity to learn to swim yet. The camp would be offered free of charge to potentially 20-25 swimmers. The goal is to break the cycle in these families of non-swimmers.

Applicant: 13, OpenSpace Education

Project Title: Nature-Based Arts Programming in Partnership with Richmond Public Schools (RPS)

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: Open Space Education is Richmond's only outdoor education program that combines art education and nature-based learning. Our goal is to offer year-long tuition-free programs in partnership with RPS, a school system that overwhelmingly serves families that fall into a low socioeconomic bracket. Currently at RPS, where 100% of students are eligible for free meals and 79% are BIPOC, we provide access to: art education, safe outdoor time, and alternative modes of learning.

Applicant: 18, Star City Cycling

Project Title: Star City Kids Outdoors

Locality: Roanoke, City of

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$15,000.00

Description: This project will provide disadvantaged kids in Roanoke with safe, equitable and regular access to VOF protected open spaces, by developing a transportation program to supervised mountain biking and hiking activities offered by Star City and Humble Hustle (<https://www.thehumblehustle.org/>). Seed financing is needed to initiate transportation, prove its effectiveness and develop sustainable funding to continue it. We intend to grow participation over time and create a replicable model.

Applicant: 19, Town of Appalachia

Project Title: Washington Rock Recreation Area Development

Locality: Wise County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$15,000.00

Description: The objective of this project is to develop the Washington Rock Recreation Area into an outdoor recreation, tourism, and community-use facility by capitalizing on the natural assets, historic significance, and land reuse opportunities that are present. Once developed, the area will provide picnic facilities, river access for fishing, kayaking, and tubing, and will serve as a destination for local residents and an increasing number of visitors to the area.

Applicant: 20, Town of Clifton Forge

Project Title: Clifton Forge All-Abilities Playground & Sensory Trail Project

Locality: Alleghany County

Funds Requested: \$10,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$10,000.00

Description: The Clifton Forge All-Abilities Playground will improve accessibility and promote inclusion by converting an existing playground, installing safe surfacing and specialized play equipment, to allow children of all abilities to play together. The Sensory Trail Project will be developed from an existing public walking trail, engaging all seven senses with play pieces for balance, movement, and sound, planting flowers and herbs for sight and smell, berries and fruit trees for taste and touch, etc.

Applicant: 22, Verdant Richmond

Project Title: Cultivating City Green Spaces

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$20,095.00

Funds Recommended: \$20,095.00

Description: The Richmond Grows Gardens Program makes vacant city-owned property available for community gardens. With 14 volunteer-led gardens across the City of Richmond, this project supports urban agriculture in underserved areas of the city. This funding will aid in supporting this mission by meeting community infrastructure requests that provide elevated garden beds at two sites, solar-powered cold storage for one site that hosts free grocery distributions, and funding for education and programming.

Applicant: 23, Virginia Capital Trail Foundation

Project Title: Multilingual Junior Trail Ambassador Program

Locality: Multiple

Funds Requested: \$3,800.00

Funds Recommended: \$3,800.00

Description: VCTF recently launched our first Jr Trail Ambassador program for youth ages 10-18. Funding would enable us to translate program materials into Spanish and have printed copies available to our Spanish communities. This would help us connect and engage with a younger and wider multilingual audience. This incentives-based program inspires youth to go outside, learn about their community, interact with nature, and develop healthy, active living habits at a young age that will carry into adulthood.