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FY23 Conservation Grant Program Report & Grant Recommendations

Preservation Trust Fund

Get Outdoors Fund

Board of Trustees Meeting, 06.01.2023

Conservation Grant Program Overview

The response to the announcement of the second round of the FY23 Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) and Get Outdoors (GO) Fund grant round was quite robust. Both programs received proposals from a wide variety of applicants with a diverse suite of proposals from across the Commonwealth. Funding was made available at the following amounts: \$1,800,000 for PTF and \$200,000 for the GO Fund. In total, VOF received 26 PTF applications, for a total of just under \$6,900,000 in requested PTF funds, and 65 GO preapplications for a total request of \$1,300,000 in GO funds, 29 of which were invited to submit final applications.

Preservation Trust Fund

The Preservation Trust Fund was fully funded in FY23, with \$4 million available for the program.

PTF-Easement Assistance Report & Recommendations

\$300,000 was set aside for PTF-Easement Assistance (PTF-EA) Program, which has traditionally been used to assist income-eligible landowners with the costs associated with recording an easement, such as surveys, legal and appraisal services, etc. To date, \$172,500 has been allocated to a total of 15 easement projects. A summary chart of the PTF-Easement Assistance is included for review. Awards of \$20,000 or less have been administratively awarded by designated VOF staff (delegated by VOF Board of Trustees on 03.30.2017) while awards above \$20,000 require Board action.

PTF Program Report & Recommendations

Due to project cancellations and excess easement assistance funds, there is \$2,052,640 available to allocate for projects in the Spring FY23 PTF grant round. Staff is recommending 10 proposals, with total funding of \$2,052,640. The recommended projects are listed in the following chart along with executive summaries of all applications. All submitted applications are in the board meeting materials online.

Get Outdoors (GO) Fund

GO Fund Program Report & Recommendations

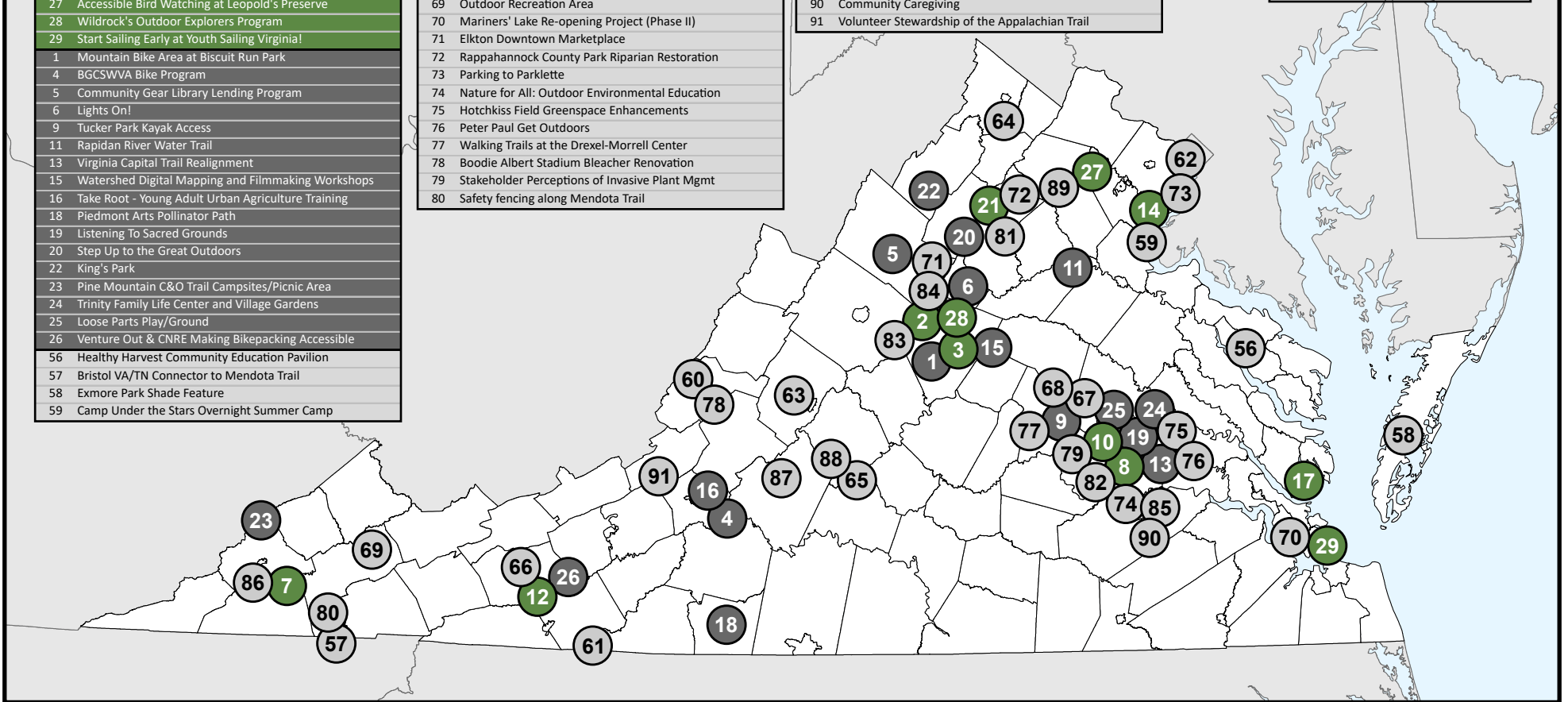
Due to reduced funding available and the overwhelming response in past grant rounds, a new preapplication requirement was incorporated in the GO Fund process in FY23. This short preapplication process helped better manage both VOF staff and applicant time investment/workload as well as applicant expectations for success. The preapplication contains basic questions about the general nature of a proposal, and responses were evaluated by staff using program review criteria. Those preapplications that most closely aligned with the goals of the GO Fund were invited to submit final applications. In this grant round, 29 of 65 preapplications were invited to submit final proposals, ensuring around a 50% chance of receiving a grant award. Staff recommended projects for the GO Fund are summarized in the following chart along with executive summaries of all applications. Details about each recommended project, as well as copies of all applications submitted, are available in the board meeting materials online. Copies of pre-applications are available upon request. Thanks to work by the Finance Committee, there is \$222,500 available to allocate for projects. Staff is recommending funding for 12 proposals for a total of \$222,500 in GO funds.

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23	Pine Mountain C&O Trail Campsites/Picnic Area
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25	Loose Parts Play/Ground
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75	Hotchkiss Field Greenspace Enhancements
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80	Safety fencing along Mendota Trail

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83	Crozet Tunnel Portal Stone Project
84	Indigo House Pasture Workshop
85	Prince George Courthouse Beautification Project
86	Big Cherry Regional Trail Connector Bridge
87	Accessible wildlife viewing and hiking trail
88	Access Trails and Signage for Camp Kum-Ba-Yah
89	Inquiry-Based Environmental Education Field Trips
90	Community Caregiving
91	Volunteer Stewardship of the Appalachian Trail

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



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GO Grant Funding Recommendations Spring 2023



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**Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Get Outdoors (GO) Fund
Grant Recommendations for Funding-June 2023**

GO Funds Available: \$222,500.00

GO Fund Recommendation: \$222,500.00

Recommendations (listed alphabetically by applicant)

Application #	Applicant	Project Title	Locality	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Project Description
2	Autism Sanctuary, Inc.	Weekly Respite at Autism Sanctuary	Albemarle County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Autism Sanctuary is a nonprofit respite space in Central Virginia created to serve the local autistic population. Through our walking trails and farm, we provide an engaging outdoor environment for all individuals regardless of their needs. We are seeking support to implement a weekly outdoor enrichment and education program for autistic individuals with high support needs who may receive fewer community services. Funding will allow our program to thrive and support many local families.
3	Botanical Garden of the Piedmont	Equitable Access to World Water Week Programming	Albemarle County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	This collaborative project will transport disadvantaged children in Charlottesville summer programs (YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Abundant Life Ministries, City of Promise) to outdoor water-themed educational programming in Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (BGP) and Ivy Creek Natural Area (ICNA) in anticipation of World Water Week. Age-appropriate activities will include water quality testing, ecological hikes, water bird identification, nature literacy and nature-themed art programs.
7	Dungannon Elementary School	Get Up & Go Playground Project	Scott County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Our playground project would include the purchase and installation of a playground structure with climbing walls, slides, and other fun, outdoor recreational pieces such as seesaws and balance beams for ages 2-12. There will be benches placed around the playground structure for children to rest and for teachers/parents to be able to supervise. We would also like to purchase a shade structure to provide protection from the sun. Playground borders and mulch will be used for safety purposes.
8	Friends of Fonticello Park	The Native Meadow Project: Creating Equitable Access to Natural Urban Educational Spaces in Fonticello Park	Richmond, City of	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	The native meadow will be an educational natural space, where children and community members can learn about native, local ecosystem plants, how they support wildlife and pollinators, increase soil health, and contribute to cleaner waterways. We will facilitate work with neighborhood schools and organizations to have kids part of the project, including plant selection, design of the space, prepping the land, planting, and participating in future maintenance and educational programming.
10	Greater Richmond Fit4Kids	Fit4Kids Game On, Girl! Field Trips	Richmond, City of	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Fit4Kids Game On, Girl! program empowers adolescent girls to be physically active and nutritionally fit, through a 10-week, after-school program. Coaches introduce girls to a variety of individual and team sports. The nature of after-school programs pose limitations to the activities students can participate in. This project would allow Fit4Kids program staff to lead girls on active, outdoor field trips where they can enjoy the open spaces surrounding them to increase access to nature.
12	Ivanhoe Civic League	Ivanhoe Civic League Park & Horse Show Grounds	Carroll County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The League has owned and operated Jubilee Park and Horse Show Grounds for more than 20 years. All the facilities are in need of rehabilitation and improvement. Plans include placing new gravel surface on existing roads and creating a new entrance road, renovation of the existing music stage, concession and bathroom facilities, and horseshow ring, as well as improving camping sites, including adding (water, electric and septic hookup) sites, and adding a new fitness trail and playground area.

Recommendations, Continued

Application #	Applicant	Project Title	Locality	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Project Description
14	Keep Prince William Beautiful	Dale City Elementary Trail & Outdoor Classroom Improvement	Prince William County	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Dale City Elementary School currently has a trail that runs from the school to a section of the Neabsco Creek. This trail has been used by teachers to access the creek to teach students about water quality, conduct Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) activities on site and in the outdoor classroom located along the trail. Erosion and weather event impacts have made the trail impassable. Keep Prince William Beautiful will implement a trail and outdoor classroom renovation.
17	Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission	MP-PAA Trail Blazer Initiative	Gloucester County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The MP-PAA is proposing a trail creation project at publicly owned Captain Sinclair's Recreational Area (CSRA) to provide underserved citizens better access to public property. CSRA recently doubled in size from 100 to 200 acres. Knott Alone-Hold Fast Inc, a nonprofit organization providing hands on nature-based therapy to veterans battling effects from military service, will contract with the PAA for veterans to plan and build an estimated 3-5 mi of unimproved trails as integrative therapy.
21	Sperryville Community Alliance	Sperryville Trail Forest Canopy Restoration	Rappahannock County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	Expand existing project scope by removing invasive species from new areas along the Thornton River and planting them with native trees to complete the restoration of the tree canopy. Add interpretive signs describing the riparian enhancements. Project will encourage residents and visitors of all ages to relax and enjoy the river's natural surroundings while accessing the village's many amenities in a safe walking environment. Increases safe access by users to new areas of the trail.
27	White House Farm Foundation	Accessible Bird Watching at Leopold's Preserve	Prince William County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Enhance accessibility of key birding locations at Leopold's Preserve, with particular focus on access for underserved visitors who face mobility challenges. Redesign elements of the wetland observation platform to ensure that visitors who use wheelchairs have unobstructed views of the landscape and can easily read the interpretive signage. Add seating around the platform's edge. Extend the length of paved trail to add a second accessible viewing location, including a bench.
28	Wildrock	Wildrock's Outdoor Explorers Program	Charlottesville, City of	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	Wildrock's Outdoor Explorers Program will bring children from a Title 1 elementary school to a local park where staff will facilitate nature play. The curriculum will incorporate environmental science and social and emotional learning. Children will be invited based on need identified by school mental health professionals.
29	Youth Sailing Virginia Inc.	Start Sailing Early at Youth Sailing Virginia!	Hampton, City of	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The shovel-ready project expands programs to elementary school-age kids by buying 6 Sail Cube beginner boats and 6 sets of tier 1 sails. The infrastructure upgrades increase access to open public outdoor water spaces and bring us within reach of upgrading 100% of our fleet of 18. It expands water safety and sailing instruction to underserved youth at all skill levels. The project builds diversity and maximizes access to outdoor sailing for all socioeconomic backgrounds, teaching life skills.



Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Recommended Projects, June 1, 2023

Applicant: 2, Autism Sanctuary, Inc.

Project Title: Weekly Respite at Autism Sanctuary

Locality: Albemarle County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: Autism Sanctuary is a nonprofit respite space in Central Virginia created to serve the local autistic population. Through our walking trails and farm, we provide an engaging outdoor environment for all individuals regardless of their needs. We are seeking support to implement a weekly outdoor enrichment and education program for autistic individuals with high support needs who may receive fewer community services. Funding will allow our program to thrive and support many local families.

Applicant: 3, Botanical Garden of the Piedmont

Project Title: Equitable Access to World Water Week Programming

Locality: Albemarle County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$15,000.00

Description: This collaborative project will transport disadvantaged children in Charlottesville summer programs (YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Abundant Life Ministries, City of Promise) to outdoor water-themed educational programming in Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (BGP) and Ivy Creek Natural Area (ICNA) in anticipation of World Water Week. Age-appropriate activities will include water quality testing, ecological hikes, water bird identification, nature literacy and nature-themed art programs.

Applicant: 7, Dungannon Elementary School

Project Title: Get Up & Go Playground Project

Locality: Scott County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: Our playground project would include the purchase and installation of a playground structure with climbing walls, slides, and other fun, outdoor recreational pieces such as seesaws and balance beams for ages 2-12. There will be benches placed around the playground structure for children to rest and for teachers/parents to be able to supervise. We would also like to purchase a shade structure to provide protection from the sun. Playground borders and mulch will be used for safety purposes.

Applicant: 8, Friends of Fonticello Park

Project Title: The Native Meadow Project: Creating Equitable Access to Natural Urban Educational Spaces in Fonticello Park

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$20,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$20,000.00

Description: The native meadow will be an educational natural space, where children and community members can learn about native, local ecosystem plants, how they support wildlife and pollinators, increase soil health, and contribute to cleaner waterways. We will facilitate work with neighborhood schools and organizations to have kids part of the project, including plant selection, design of the space, prepping the land, planting, and participating in future maintenance and educational programming.

Applicant: 10, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids

Project Title: Fit4Kids Game On, Girl! Field Trips

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$10,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$10,000.00

Description: Fit4Kids Game On, Girl! program empowers adolescent girls to be physically active and nutritionally fit, through a 10-week, after-school program. Coaches introduce girls to a variety of individual and team sports. The nature of after-school programs pose limitations to the activities students can participate in. This project would allow Fit4Kids program staff to lead girls on active, outdoor field trips where they can enjoy the open spaces surrounding them to increase access to nature.

Applicant: 12, Ivanhoe Civic League

Project Title: Ivanhoe Civic League Park & Horse Show Grounds

Locality: Carroll County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: The League has owned and operated Jubilee Park and Horse Show Grounds for more than 20 years. All the facilities are in need of rehabilitation and improvement. Plans include placing new gravel surface on existing roads and creating a new entrance road, renovation of the existing music stage, concession and bathroom facilities, and horseshow ring, as well as improving camping sites, including adding (water, electric and septic hookup) sites, and adding a new fitness trail and playground area.

Applicant: 14, Keep Prince William Beautiful

Project Title: Dale City Elementary Trail & Outdoor Classroom Improvement

Locality: Prince William County

Funds Requested: \$10,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$10,000.00

Description: Dale City Elementary School currently has a trail that runs from the school to a section of the Neabsco Creek. This trail has been used by teachers to access the creek to teach students about water quality, conduct Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) activities on site and in the outdoor classroom located along the trail. Erosion and weather event impacts have made the trail impassable. Keep Prince William Beautiful will implement a trail and outdoor classroom renovation.

Applicant: 17, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

Project Title: MP-PAA Trail Blazer Initiative

Locality: Gloucester County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: The MP-PAA is proposing a trail creation project at publicly owned Captain Sinclair's Recreational Area (CSRA) to provide underserved citizens better access to public property. CSRA recently doubled in size from 100 to 200 acres. Knott Alone-Hold Fast Inc, a nonprofit organization providing hands on nature-based therapy to veterans battling effects from military service, will contract with the PAA for veterans to plan and build an estimated 3-5 mi of unimproved trails as integrative therapy.

Applicant: 21, Sperryville Community Alliance

Project Title: Sperryville Trail Forest Canopy Restoration

Locality: Rappahannock County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$15,000.00

Description: Expand existing project scope by removing invasive species from new areas along the Thornton River and planting them with native trees to complete the restoration of the tree canopy. Add interpretive signs describing the riparian enhancements. Project will encourage residents and visitors of all ages to relax and enjoy the river's natural surroundings while accessing the village's many amenities in a safe walking environment. Increases safe access by users to new areas of the trail.

Applicant: 27, White House Farm Foundation

Project Title: Accessible Bird Watching at Leopold's Preserve

Locality: Prince William County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: Enhance accessibility of key birding locations at Leopold's Preserve, with particular focus on access for underserved visitors who face mobility challenges. Redesign elements of the wetland observation platform to ensure that visitors who use wheelchairs have unobstructed views of the landscape and can easily read the interpretive signage. Add seating around the platform's edge. Extend the length of paved trail to add a second accessible viewing location, including a bench.

Applicant: 28, Wildrock

Project Title: Wildrock's Outdoor Explorers Program

Locality: Charlottesville, City of

Funds Requested: \$2,500.00

Funds Recommended: \$2,500.00

Description: Wildrock's Outdoor Explorers Program will bring children from a Title 1 elementary school to a local park where staff will facilitate nature play. The curriculum will incorporate environmental science and social and emotional learning. Children will be invited based on need identified by school mental health professionals.

Applicant: 29, Youth Sailing Virginia Inc.

Project Title: Start Sailing Early at Youth Sailing Virginia!

Locality: Hampton, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Funds Recommended: \$25,000.00

Description: The shovel-ready project expands programs to elementary school-age kids by buying 6 Sail Cube beginner boats and 6 sets of tier 1 sails. The infrastructure upgrades increase access to open public outdoor water spaces and bring us within reach of upgrading 100% of our fleet of 18. It expands water safety and sailing instruction to underserved youth at all skill levels. The project builds diversity and maximizes access to outdoor sailing for all socioeconomic backgrounds, teaching life skills.



Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Other Submitted Projects, June 1, 2023

Applicant: 1, Albemarle County

Project Title: Downhill and Skills Mountain Bike Area at Biscuit Run Park

Locality: Albemarle County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: Expedite the Biscuit Run Park (BRP) Mountain Bike Area project by obtaining engineering phase funding, in order to achieve shovel-ready status and enable the Charlottesville Area Mountain Bike Club (CAMBC) to fund project construction in 2023 (prior to BRP opening for public use). Accelerating this project will enable concurrency with the construction of the BRP entrance and trailhead project - thereby maximizing efficiencies, minimizing environmental impacts, and reducing trail closures.

Applicant: 4, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia

Project Title: BGCSWVA Bike Program

Locality: Roanoke, City of

Funds Requested: \$23,400.00

Description: Club Members at our 9th Street Club serving Roanoke City Public Schools are invited to join Star City Cycling Club to take advantage of new outdoor mountain biking trails at nearby Morningside Park. If awarded, the grant would pay for 20 to 30 mountain bikes for kids ages 6 to 18, plus a place to store them. That would enable the program to get 40 to 60 individuals participating every year (both Club kids and other kids in our Southeast Roanoke neighborhood).

Applicant: 5, Community Gear Library

Project Title: Community Gear Library Lending Program

Locality: Harrisonburg, City of

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Description: The Community Gear Library is a resource in the Shenandoah Valley to increase access to the outdoors for all members of our diverse community. Participants will be able to borrow hiking and camping gear at no-cost and can pick from individual items or choose to borrow one of the Family Camping Kits that will provide their family with all the gear they need for a camping trip. Participants will also attend an information session to learn about local trails, camping areas, and how to use gear.

Applicant: 6, County of Greene, Virginia

Project Title: Lights On!

Locality: Greene County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: The Greene County Community Park has developed slowly across the past 23 years from an empty field with no access to a park with walking trails, several soccer fields, a paved entry way, a ga ga pit, and picnic tables. However, there is much to be done to the County's only local recreational area, including the addition of lighting in the parking area. Electricity was not always readily available within the park, but now that it is, the need for safety lighting is a priority for the community.

Applicant: 9, Goochland County Parks & Recreation

Project Title: Tucker Park Kayak Access

Locality: Goochland County

Funds Requested: \$16,000.00

Description: Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing has a primitive launch. Previously, LL Bean hosted an outdoor discovery school providing kayaks and stand-up paddle boards at the park for users. Since they disbanded the school, there has been no option for users to rent kayaks at the park. Consistent access to kayaks has always been in demand at the park location. This project allows for install and start-up of a revenue-share kayak service near the boat launch.

Applicant: 11, Historic Germanna

Project Title: Rapidan River Water Trail: Expanding Public River Access in Orange County, VA

Locality: Orange County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: The Historic Germanna Foundation is working with Friends of the Rappahannock and local partners to develop a new canoe and kayak launch to the Rapidan River at our visitor center property in Locust Grove, Virginia. Once complete, this will be the furthest west access point on the Rapidan River water trail, adding 7.75 miles of recreational opportunity open to the public for paddling, fishing, wildlife viewing, and more.

Applicant: 13, James River Association

Project Title: Virginia Capital Trail Realignment

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: The James River Association (JRA), with project partners, will realign a segment of the Virginia Capital Trail along Dock St. in Richmond to improve user safety and experience. This segment, unlike other parts of the Cap Trail, sits directly on the street and is separated from car traffic by only a temporary barrier. Plans are to relocate this segment by joining the trail at Great Shiplock Park, through properties owned by The Conservation Fund and JRA (for its future James A. Buzzard Education Center).

Applicant: 15, Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center of Virginia

Project Title: Watershed Digital Mapping and Filmmaking Workshops

Locality: Albemarle County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Description: Our Watershed Digital Mapping and Filmmaking Workshops invite children and adults to participate in a community mapping project of the Rivanna River watershed. The project is focused on the stream and river access of the Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center, but also covers areas outside of our park location. We teach participants how to make digital maps and how to film above and below water. The digital maps are multi-media and are comprised of the map itself, video, photography, and field notes.

Applicant: 16, Lick Run Community Development Corporation

Project Title: Take Root - Young Adult Urban Agriculture Training

Locality: Roanoke, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: The Take Root program, through a coalition of nonprofits and urban agriculture experts, provides high-school students with a paid work-learn experience on a three-acre urban farm and other community sites, building community food security. The program teaches best practices for urban agriculture, provides workforce readiness and coaching, gives participants hands-on experience with producing and preparing healthy food, and helps these young adults develop as leaders in their community.

Applicant: 18, Piedmont Arts

Project Title: Piedmont Arts Pollinator Path

Locality: Martinsville, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: This project is for the creation of a community-based pollinator garden and trail. Piedmont Arts, a non-profit arts museum, owns a large swath of unused land between the museum and a museum owned art garden. We are creating an ADA complaint pathway that will be flanked by native and non-invasive plant species to nourish pollinators. There will also be raised beds for adoption by the community. The garden will create opportunities for community gathering, beautification, and land stewardship.

Applicant: 19, Richmond Planet

Project Title: Listening To Sacred Grounds

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: To engage Richmond area schools and other groups. Maintain burial plots, provide educational tours, free online books and video interviews at historic Black cemeteries. Document the stories of guest hosts and descendants. 4 to 20 Students/Volunteers (possibly more) start a 20-minute walk, talk & listen tour followed by 2-hour land clean up. Work ends with an open-ended Q&A with host(s). Snippets and overview captured on video. Edited video posted on RichmondPlanet.com to extend value of work.

Applicant: 20, Shenandoah National Park Trust

Project Title: Step Up to the Great Outdoors

Locality: Madison County

Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

Description: This program aims to eliminate obstacles to meaningful outdoor experiences in Shenandoah National Park. Every year, the Park reaches thousands of students with age and grade-appropriate programs designed to educate and inspire future enjoyment and stewardship of the natural world. Support for the program is leveraged towards coverage of all gear, equipment, presentation, and transportation costs to ensure open access for all.

Applicant: 22, Town of Mount Jackson

Project Title: King's Park

Locality: Shenandoah County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: The Town of Mount Jackson owns a 0.7-acre lot between King Street & the Shenandoah Valley Rail-Trail. The lot was previously used as a gas station, refuse station, and currently sits vacant. Development of the site into a public park will help to achieve the following benefits: provide a permanent space for festival vendors, a farmers' market, expansion of downtown parking options without adding a parking lot and provide an attractive gateway into the Town's proposed Rail-Trail for biking & walking.

Applicant: 23, Town of Pound, VA

Project Title: Pine Mountain C&O Trail Campsites/Picnic Area

Locality: Wise County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: This project will add primitive campsites, signage and a picnic shelter on 3 acres owned by the Town of Pound along the, currently being developed, Pine Mountain C&O Trail. It will be ADA accessible and used as an outdoor classroom as well.

Applicant: 24, Trinity Family Life Center

Project Title: Trinity Family Life Center, Trinity Village Gardens

Locality: Henrico County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: Trinity Village Garden is an urban garden project on the grounds of Trinity Family Life Center. We currently have 21 garden boxes, 15 fruit trees planted and a 21x 40-foot greenhouse. Our plan includes an expansion of the garden and a safe green space area for public use and for outdoor enjoyment and entertainment. We plan to expand our stone walking trail to encompass the adjacent area, erect a fence mural, plant wildflowers and begin building an outdoor stage in the encompassed area.

Applicant: 25, Virginia Commonwealth University

Project Title: Loose Parts Play/Ground

Locality: Richmond, City of

Funds Requested: \$10,114.03

Description: We are developing a new experimental form of Loose Parts adventure playground and a series of short-term play actions for Richmond, Virginia. The model of the historic adventure playground has four essential components: a vacant lot, salvaged building materials, kids, and an adult/teen playworker. In these new playspaces, this approach will be overlaid with an experimental, ancillary relationship between children and the work of contemporary artists.

Applicant: 26, Virginia Tech, College of Natural Resources and Environment

Project Title: Venture Out & CNRE Making Bikepacking Accessible

Locality: Wythe County

Funds Requested: \$25,000.00

Description: BIPOC families and those from low-income communities are likely to be deprived of access to nature. The gap is wider for activities that require specialized equipment. The Director of Inclusion & Diversity at CNRE and Venture Out partner to offer bikepacking for our first generation BIPOC students. This is a startup program to provide access and opportunity by providing the bikes and training while hosting trips. We will provide the students a safe space to connect with the outdoors.