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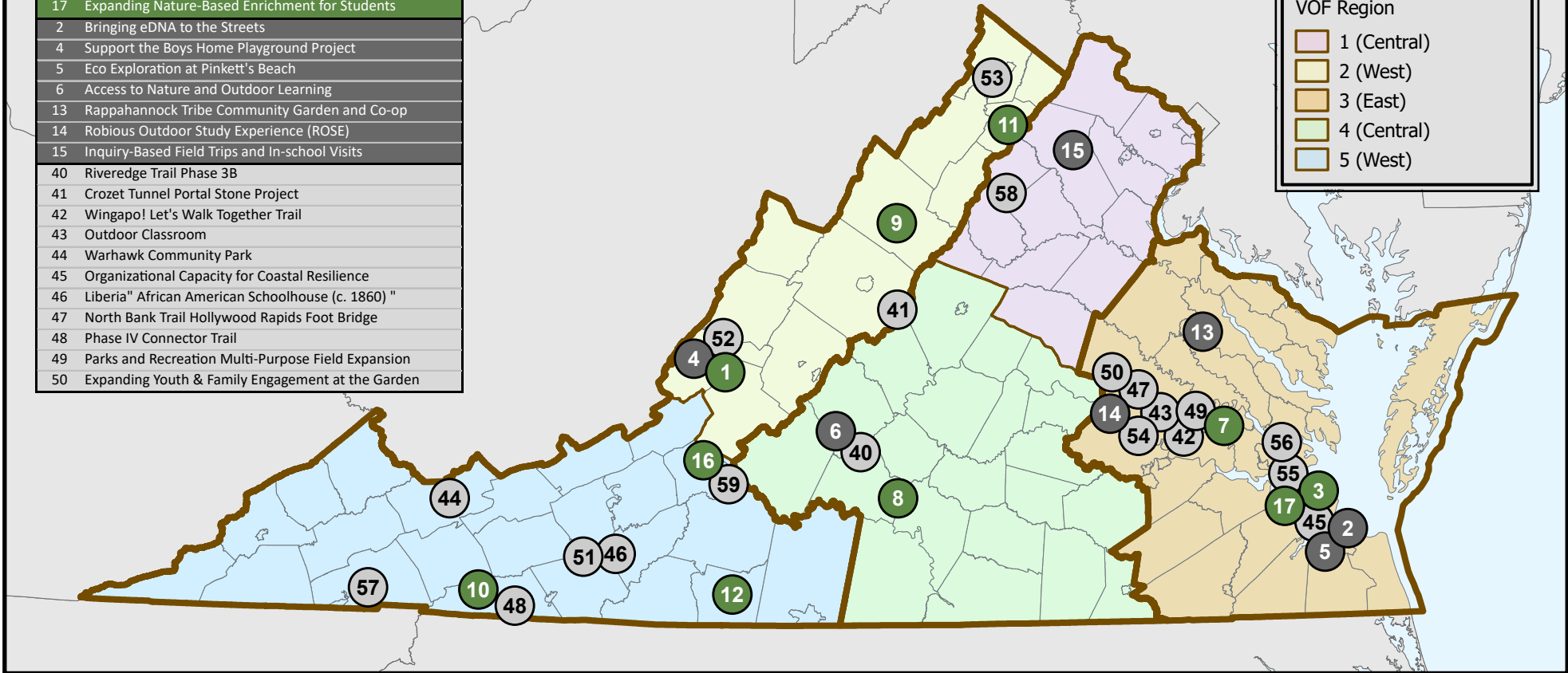
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**Grant Project Applications**

- Recommended
- Other Project Submittal
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**VOF Region**

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## GO Grant Funding Applications Fall 2023



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

GO Funds Available: \$200,000.00

GO Fund Recommendation: \$203,500.00

**Recommendations (listed alphabetically by applicant)**

Application #	Applicant	Project Title	Locality	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Project Description
1	Alleghany Highlands YMCA	The Alleghany Highlands YMCA All Access Trail	Alleghany County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	The All Access Trail is designed to be entered via graduated surfaces and have sensory-building activities throughout the quarter-mile length. Such activities will include a wheelchair swing, a sensory garden with plants and flowers, plantings of native trees such as dogwoods and redbuds to provide both color and shade, a kids zone using natural building components to encourage exploration and experimentation, and a music station to encourage participants to create their own music.
3	Bluebird Gap Farm	ATTA Farm Project (Accessible Trails To All)	Hampton, City of	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	The goal of the project is to purchase 2 all-terrain wheelchairs that can be rented out to the public for no cost. These tools would be essential in ensuring visitors' access to all areas of the park, including forest trails, natural beach, grassy areas, and gravel paths. Not only would this provide equitable access to the outdoors for wheelchair users, but it is the accessibility solution with the smallest environmental impact as it would require little to no changes to the land itself.
7	Chickahominy Indian Tribe - Eastern Division	CIT-ED Nature Trail	New Kent County	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	The nature trail on Eastern Division Chickahominy Tribal land has been used for years by Tribal citizens and the public community. Due to time, weather, lack of resources, and increasingly less foot traffic, the trail has become inaccessible for regular use. The restoration of the nature trail will allow the community safe access to the outdoors. It will also allow opportunities for community engagement and education regarding traditional knowledge and stewardship of our Earth.
8	Come to the Altar Ministry, Inc.	CTTAM Community Grows Garden	Campbell County	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	The Community Grows Garden was developed to provide a sustainable source of food for the community via Come to the Altar Ministry, and as an educational center for area youth to get them outdoors and learning about gardening, farming, nature, nutrition, and more. There are also components for seniors and veterans to be involved, as well as various community groups who desire to volunteer.
9	Community Gear Library	Community Gear Library Lending Program	Harrisonburg, City of	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	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.
10	Flat Ridge Community Center	Flat Ridge Community Center Hoops and Loop	Grayson County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The HOOPS project will benefit the growing population of children that have absolutely no outside recreation area by replacing basketball hoops and updating swings to an existing play area. The LOOP project will benefit residents of all ages through the creating of a walking track. Creating a safe recreation area for all ages would be welcomed in our community. The LOOP would encourage a space for physical exercise in a safe environment for aging residents.

**Recommendations, Continued**

<b>Application #</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
11	Front Royal Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC)	Outdoor Fitness Station - Burrell Brooks Park, Front Royal	Warren County	\$23,594.50	\$23,594.50	Front Royal's Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee is partnering with Warren County Parks & Recreation to create a first-of-its kind outdoor fitness station at one of the most highly used public spaces in Front Royal, Burrell Brooks Park. The fitness station will create a unique recreational opportunity for entire families, both adults and youth, to improve physical fitness in a fun and engaging way outdoors. We anticipate that this new feature will set the stage for even more park upgrades.
12	Henry County	MHC YMCA Bike Barn Inventory Replacement	Martinsville, City of	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The Bike Barn is a great asset to the community and is operated by the Martinsville-Henry County YMCA. The program allows people to borrow bikes and helmets at no cost and ride on the Dick and Willie Trail. This program is grant and donation funded for the operational costs. There are no funds for inventory replacement. We are hoping to relocate the old bike barn to a more community-friendly space and feel this will attract more families. We need funding for new bikes, helmets, and accessories.
16	The Humble Hustle Co	Humble Hikes Getaways	Roanoke, City of	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	Humble Hikes would like to create regional overnight camping opportunities that take students outside of the Roanoke Valley to explore the outdoors. This project will expand Humble Hikes events to include overnight camping experiences in regional parks. The project provides participants with all of the required gear for camping including transportation, tents, sleeping bags, food, and equipment needed for outdoor activities such as canoeing, fishing and hiking.
17	The Mariners' Museum and Park	Expanding Nature-Based Enrichment for Students	Newport News, City of	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Mariners' has become a well-known resource for immersive environmental education on the Peninsula. To successfully scale nature-based programming & serve 2800 students with free programs during the '23-24 school year, support is needed to make critical improvements. Funds will be used to create a new, accessible program site by replacing damaged & unstable pavers with level decking, installing ADA compliant tables & an ADA ramp leading to the adjacent boat dock serving students of all abilities.



## Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Recommended Projects, October 12, 2023

### Western (VOF Regions 2 and 5)

**Applicant:** 1, Allegheny Highlands YMCA

**Project Title:** The Allegheny Highlands YMCA All Access Trail

**Locality:** Allegheny County

**VOF Region:** Western, 2

**Funds Requested:** \$15,000.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$15,000.00

**Description:** The All Access Trail is designed to be entered via graduated surfaces and have sensory-building activities throughout the quarter-mile length. Such activities will include a wheelchair swing, a sensory garden with plants and flowers, plantings of native trees such as dogwoods and redbuds to provide both color and shade, a kids' zone using natural building components to encourage exploration and experimentation, and a music station to encourage participants to create their own music.

**Project Purpose:** With the construction of this trail, we hope to help promote access and appreciation of the natural beauty that surrounds us. Our trail borders the Jackson River and is home to many different wildlife and waterfowl species. Those sightings can be an exciting experience that not everyone is able to have. We also will be planting native trees and plants for the birds and the bees. We want to encourage health, wellness and appreciation of nature.

**Community Need:** The Allegheny Highlands YMCA has been a fixture for the highlands for 30+ years and we strive to help all people realize their fullest potential, encourage and support the participation of all. Our planning process identified the need to strengthen the efforts of local special needs providers. We want to incorporate more opportunities for those with ADHD, Autism, and brain cancer, intellectual disabilities, and vision/hearing impairments.

**Community Service/Resource:** The trail will allow people to get outside and be active, helping build a healthier lifestyle. It will do this through the inclusion of additional sensory elements that will be immersive and help engage and stimulate the senses. It will also encourage people to slow down, be present and to fully engage in their surroundings.



**Applicant:** 9, Community Gear Library  
**Project Title:** Community Gear Library Lending Program  
**Locality:** Harrisonburg, City of  
**VOF Region:** Western, 2  
**Funds Requested:** \$15,000.00  
**Funds Recommended:** \$15,000.00



**Description:** The Community Gear Library (CGL) 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 a Family Camping Kits that will provide their family with all the gear needed for a camping trip. Participants will attend an information session to learn about local trails, camping areas, and how to use gear.

**Project Purpose:** CGL eliminates common barriers preventing people from spending time outdoors. A large barrier for our community is the cost of gear. CGL provides high quality gear for no cost, lifting the burden for over 25% of Harrisonburg living below the poverty line. Massanutten Regional Library (MRL) stores, catalogs, and checks in/out items. Partnership with MRL will allow us to reach beyond the Harrisonburg City area through branch locations in Elkton, Grottoes, Mt Crawford, Luray, Shenandoah, and Broadway.

**Community Need:** With 25.8% of Harrisonburg residents living below the poverty line and over 40% of families in need of free/reduced lunches, the cost of camping gear is disqualifying. Despite access to local public lands for free, a family camping for the first time would spend \$600 to get basic gear. The Community Gear Library will provide high quality gear for free which will allow participants to enjoy the many opportunities that the surrounding public lands have to offer.

**Community Service/Resource:** Harrisonburg is a hub for outdoor activities in the Shenandoah area; through CGL local residents can comfortably and safely take advantage of the surrounding public lands by borrowing gear as well as learning new types of recreation without any financial commitment. Since resources will also be provided in Spanish, a large population in the Harrisonburg area will have information available to them that they have not had access to before.

**Applicant: 10, Flat Ridge Community Center**

**Project Title: Flat Ridge Community Center Hoops and Loop**

**Locality:** Grayson County

**VOF Region:** Western, 5

**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$25,000.00



**Description:** The HOOPS project will benefit the growing population of children that have no outside recreation area by replacing basketball hoops and updating swings to an existing play area. The LOOP project will benefit residents of all ages through the creation of a walking track.

Creating a safe recreation area for all ages would be welcomed in our community. The LOOP would encourage a space for physical exercise in a safe environment for aging residents.

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to give children a safe place to play on safe playground equipment. This project will also promote wellness and preventive health measures by providing a safe outdoor space to walk or run. Although our community is rural the roads are heavily traveled. This does not promote a safe environment for adults or children to walk safely. Providing this space will encourage physical activity while enjoying fresh mountain air. Adults can walk while their children play.

**Community Need:** This project is needed in our community as children do not have an outside recreation area to play safely, at present the equipment is dangerous and in need of repair. A walking track would promote a healthy lifestyle to the residents in our community and surrounding communities. This project will use resources that are in place to connect the community while providing a tool for a healthy lifestyle. This project will encourage families to spend quality time together with recreation outside.

**Community Service/Resource:** The unique service can be defined in the history of our Community Center. After acquiring the grounds, many discussions have revolved around a safe, fun space for outdoor recreation. This goal has not been achievable as the financial restraints have held us back. The looming costs of electricity, heating, insurance etc. have restrained our efforts. This project will help the community achieve one of the first goals set when the Center was opened 20 years ago. This will make my dream come true.



**Applicant: 11, Front Royal Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC)**

**Project Title: Outdoor Fitness Station - Burrell Brooks Park, Front Royal**

**Locality:** Warren County

**VOF Region:** Western, 2

**Funds Requested:** \$23,594.50

**Funds Recommended:** \$23,594.50



**Description:** Front Royal's Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee is partnering with Warren County Parks & Recreation to create a first-of-its kind outdoor fitness station at one of the most highly used public spaces in Front Royal, Burrell Brooks Park. The fitness station will create a unique recreational opportunity for entire families, both adults and youth, to improve physical fitness in a fun and engaging way outdoors. We anticipate that this new feature will set the stage for even more park upgrades.

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of the new outdoor fitness station is three-fold: (1) create new recreation opportunities for an underserved neighborhood community, (2) help breathe new life into a park that has considerable potential, and (3) set the stage for additional grant and donor-funded projects to build out new and attractive features at a handful of parks around Front Royal, VA.

**Community Need:** The Town of Front Royal has the potential to become an exemplary community in terms of healthy living, recreational opportunities, and access to the great outdoors. We strongly believe that building out more engaging and diverse infrastructure for promoting this type of active, healthy living is a high-impact strategy for achieving those goals for the Town.

**Community Service/Resource:** This project involves installing an outdoor fitness station which will be the first of its kind in the Town of Front Royal. These types of fitness stations provide families more opportunities to engage in healthy living and recreation, which has been positively correlated with reduced rates of crime, drug use, and depression. Additionally, our local town parks are stepping stones for youth to engage with our larger outdoor public spaces, including Shenandoah National Park.

**Applicant: 12, Henry County**

**Project Title: MHC YMCA Bike Barn Inventory Replacement**

**Locality:** Martinsville, City of

**VOF Region:** Western, 5

**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$25,000.00



**Description:** The Bike Barn is a great asset to the community and is operated by the Martinsville-Henry County YMCA. The program allows people to borrow bikes and helmets at no cost and ride on the Dick and Willie Trail. This program is grant and donation funded for the operational costs. There are no funds for inventory replacement. We are hoping to relocate the old bike barn to a more community-friendly space and feel this will attract more families. We need funding for new bikes, helmets, and accessories.

**Project Purpose:** The Bike Barn inventory is upwards of ten years old. Some of the bike tires and tubes are in constant need of replacement or repair. The toddler bikes have plastic training wheels that have a lot of wear on them from years of use. The helmets require upkeep such as lice spray and wiping after each use. There are limited numbers of helmets and if one of a certain size is out, others must wait until they come back before they can ride. A replacement inventory is needed for safe and enjoyable use.

**Community Need:** Keeping the Bike Barn in our community serves several needs. First, it allows for exercise. This is needed in our community due to our obesity rate being slightly higher than the national median. This can directly contribute to many other health issues for our community. Second, there are many families that do not have access to bike riding, especially if they can't afford a bike or do not have a safe place to ride. Lastly, this is a free service that allows families to enjoy time together.

**Community Service/Resource:** The Bike Barn is the only one around of its kind by offering free rentals. Most places in Virginia that rent bikes charge a fee. The barn is open most days, including weekends. It is very convenient for people that love to ride bikes but can't fit a bike in their vehicles. Couples can take a ride together and young children that have never ridden a bike have the opportunity to take their first ride at the barn and develop good riding skills in a safe environment. It brings families outdoors.



**Applicant:** 16, The Humble Hustle Co  
**Project Title:** Humble Hikes Getaways  
**Locality:** Roanoke, City of  
**VOF Region:** Western, 5  
**Funds Requested:** \$16,000.00  
**Funds Recommended:** \$16,000.00



**Description:** Humble Hikes would like to create regional overnight camping opportunities that take students outside of the Roanoke Valley to explore the outdoors.

This project will expand Humble Hikes events to include overnight camping experiences in regional parks. The project provides participants with all the required gear for camping including transportation, tents, sleeping bags, food, and equipment needed for outdoor activities such as canoeing, fishing and hiking.

**Project Purpose:** The goal of this project is to provide further opportunities for youth to engage meaningfully with the outdoors. Many of our participants express an interest in camping activities. We are excited to be able to curate outdoor experiences for them to learn about, connect with and engage in the natural environment. In addition to learning about the outdoors, our volunteer chaperones ensure that participants learn about camp safety, build community, and enjoy time outdoors.

**Community Need:** Planning an activity-filled, overnight camping trip can be a big undertaking. Researching, planning, and collecting supplies can be a barrier when time and resources are limited. Camping supplies are also expensive and often used just a few times a year, making them a luxury item that may not be prioritized over other expenses. The Humble Hikes program has capacity and community resources to alleviate this resource strain which allows participants to simply register and enjoy the experience.

**Community Service/Resource:** We provide many opportunities for youth to engage outdoors, however overnight experiences are new to our program and unique to our community. Many participants tell us they want to go overnight camping but have not had a chance to do so. After the pilot program in April 2023, participants immediately asked about another trip. We are confident this project will interest youth who enjoy outdoor activities such as canoeing and fishing - this is a chance for them to try activities in new locations.

## Central (VOF Regions 1 and 4)

**Applicant:** 8, Come to the Altar Ministry, Inc.

**Project Title:** CTTAM Community Grows Garden

**Locality:** Campbell County

**VOF Region:** Central, 4

**Funds Requested:** \$22,500.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$22,500.00



**Description:** The Community Grows Garden was developed to provide a sustainable source of food for the community via Come to the Altar Ministry, and as an educational center for area youth to get them outdoors and learning about gardening, farming, nature, nutrition, and more. There are also components for seniors and veterans to be involved, as well as various community groups who desire to volunteer.

**Project Purpose:** The Garden is an excellent complement to CTTAM's ongoing work in the community. People can invest in something special in the community and be a blessing to their neighbors in need. This is a space where people can grow, share, and learn, all around a common goal. Three area schools are participating: Brookneal Elementary, William Campbell Combined School, and Rustburg High School.

**Community Need:** Southern Campbell County can and does benefit from food distribution on a regular basis. Much of this food is packaged products, along with some fresh food. Being able to provide more fresh food monthly will benefit those citizens who are experiencing food insecurity. There is a need in the community for outdoor experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Garden offers a variety of opportunities for volunteering, learning, mentoring, and fellowship over nature and food.

**Community Service/Resource:** This region in Virginia needs many things, and one of them is hope. CTTAM provides hope through its food ministry, which is expanded significantly with the creation of the Garden. The organization provides hope by offering a special way to experience nature and farming, as well as the joys of seeing a once-grassy plot of land turned into a thriving community garden. Many people in this region lack consistent access to enough food in a household to live an active, healthy life.

## Eastern (VOF Region 3)

**Applicant:** 3, Bluebird Gap Farm  
**Project Title:** ATTA Farm Project (Accessible Trails To All)  
**Locality:** Hampton, City of  
**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3  
**Funds Requested:** \$14,000.00  
**Funds Recommended:** \$14,000.00



**Description:** The goal of the project is to purchase 2 all-terrain wheelchairs that can be rented out to the public for no cost. These tools would be essential in ensuring visitors' access to all areas of the park, including forest trails, natural beach, grassy areas, and gravel paths. Not only would this provide equitable access to the outdoors for wheelchair users, but it is the accessibility solution with the smallest environmental impact as it would require little to no changes to the land itself.

**Project Purpose:** We intend to support accessibility for wheelchair users by providing built-in accommodation at our park (the all-terrain wheelchairs). In doing so, we hope that wheelchair users who may have been nervous to explore parks- or completely unable to- will visit the Bluebird Gap Farm and enjoy exploring our trails safely and confidently. We hope that these tools will encourage people of all ages, abilities, and adventure levels to enjoy the great outdoors in a way that is meaningful to them.

**Community Need:** Wheelchair users do not have equitable access to natural spaces. Typical wheelchairs are not built to withstand unpaved areas; using them on trails could potentially damage the equipment (scratches, dents, damaged wheels, unbalanced axels, loose hinges, and more) or harm the rider (jostling from unabsorbed shock, back/neck pain, head instability, risk of the chair tipping over, risk of falling from the chair, etc.). Many individuals choose to avoid these risks to ensure their own safety.

**Community Service/Resource:** Providing a wheelchair that can comfortably navigate outdoor spaces keeps people from having to make that decision. They can simply arrive at the park, rent the chair, and go out and explore like any able-bodied visitor. The specific model and adjustments selected (Hippocampe All-Terrain) includes extra cushioning, shock-absorbing wheels, an adjustable back, headrest, and multiple seatbelt options. This gives users the flexibility to meet their own support and comfort needs.

**Applicant: 7, Chickahominy Indian Tribe- Eastern Division**

**Project Title: CIT-ED Nature Trail**

**Locality:** New Kent County

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$20,000.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$20,000.00



**Description:** The nature trail on Eastern Division Chickahominy Tribal land has been used for years by Tribal citizens and the public community. Due to time, weather, lack of resources, and increasingly less foot traffic, the trail has become inaccessible for regular use. The restoration of the nature trail will allow the community safe access to the outdoors. It will also allow opportunities for community engagement and education regarding traditional knowledge and stewardship of our Earth.

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to create a safe space for the local community to experience the outdoors. Because the nature trail is located in an environmental justice community, there are more hurdles to overcoming the growing gap between humans and nature. This project will meet the communities needs to connect to nature, increase physical and mental health through exercise, learn about the environment, and learn about environmental stewardship.

**Community Need:** The trail is located on Tribally-owned land, in an environmental justice community. There is a need in the community to have access to a safe environment to explore the outdoors. There is also a school on Tribal lands, and a summer camp program for school aged children. Both are open the Native and public community. The children have expressed interest in exploring the current nature trail, but it is inaccessible in its current state.

**Community Service/Resource:** The only other nature trail within miles is now closed to the public. Proven benefits of spending time outdoors include increased physical and mental health through exercise. The unique service of this project (in addition to increased health and wellness) is that it offers the community outreach and education from an Indigenous perspective.



**Applicant:** 17, The Mariners' Museum and Park

**Project Title:** Expanding Nature-Based Enrichment for Students

**Locality:** Newport News, City of

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$20,000.00

**Funds Recommended:** \$20,000.00



**Description:** Mariners' has become a well-known resource for immersive environmental education on the Peninsula. To successfully scale nature-based programming & serve 2800 students with free programs during the '23-24 school year, support is needed to make critical improvements. Funds will be used to create a new, accessible program site by replacing damaged & unstable pavers with level decking, installing ADA compliant tables & an ADA ramp leading to the adjacent boat dock serving students of all abilities.

**Project Purpose:** This project will improve our ability to utilize Mariners' Park & Lake to meet the growing need for immersive, nature-based education programs for students. The 2023-2024 school year represents the next phase of growth for the Mariners' & requires additional resources to successfully serve a record 2,800 students through environmental literacy programming, as limited program sites currently restrict our capacity to effectively serve multiple classes at once.

**Community Need:** This project will expand access to free nature-based programming for Peninsula school districts, focusing first on Newport News & Hampton City students. These programs broaden environmental literacy to the next generation, introduces new career pathways within the growing green industry-which has little representation from BIPOC individuals & inspires students to be more active in mitigating the environmental risks that disproportionately affect communities of color.

**Community Service/Resource:** Mariners' Park is comprised of the 167-acre Mariners' Lake, the iconic Lions Bridge, and the Noland Trail, a five-mile shoreline trail with fourteen bridges. While privately owned and maintained, it is free and open to the public year-round. It is a unique asset because it is the most tangible example of placemaking on the Peninsula where our community continuously helps to shape the future of this vast natural resource; creating a space where all are welcome and belong.

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Projects Not Recommended for Funding





## Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Other Submitted Projects, October 12, 2023

### Western (VOF Regions 2 and 5)

**Applicant:** 4, Boys Home of Virginia

**Project Title:** Support the Boys Home Playground Project

**Locality:** Alleghany County

**VOF Region:** Western, 2

**Funds Requested:** \$20,000.00

**Description:** Boys Home is seeking \$20,000 to reach its fundraising goal for constructing a new playground. The current playground structure, which has been on campus since the 1950s, has undergone repairs over the years. However, the equipment has deteriorated to the extent that it needs to be replaced entirely. The proposed new playground will include a merry-go-round, swings, and outdoor fitness equipment, catering to students of all ages and physical abilities.

## Central (VOF Regions 1 and 4)

**Applicant:** 6, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah

**Project Title:** Access to Nature and Outdoor Learning

**Locality:** Lynchburg, City of

**VOF Region:** Central, 4

**Funds Requested:** \$22,000.00

**Description:** The campgrounds contain two areas open to the public daily. The Cosby Trail, named for our founder, circumnavigates the property and is accessible from three entrances. This trail needs way-markers to allow urban visitors and children to explore the woods safely. Interpretative signs identifying trees, plants, and habitat will promote an opportunity for woodland education and give new visitors confidence to enjoy the woods. Benches will encourage older visitors and those with children.

**Applicant:** 15, The Clifton Institute

**Project Title:** Inquiry-Based Field Trips and In-school Visits

**Locality:** Fauquier County

**VOF Region:** Central, 1

**Funds Requested:** \$16,300.00

**Description:** We will provide inquiry-based environmental education field trips to 1,400 K-12 students and 20 in-school visits for 700 students in 2024. Our field trips get children in our community outside, teach them about native biodiversity, and inspire them to keep learning about nature. Our in-school visits integrate what we teach on our field trips into classroom learning and help us build relationships with the students so that when they come out to our property, they feel comfortable and prepared.

## Eastern (VOF Region 3)

**Applicant:** 2, Black In Marine Science

**Project Title:** Bringing eDNA to the Streets

**Locality:** Hampton, City of

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Description:** Everything that lives sheds DNA (or RNA). This genetic information can be collected from water, sediment, and soil, where it can then be isolated for identification. Bringing eDNA to the Streets would provide members of the Hampton Roads Community the opportunity to partake in the collection aboard Black-owned vessels and processing of water samples to assess biodiversity from eDNA samples. This project will expand our work connecting Black peoples with novel research techniques along our coast.

**Applicant:** 5, Break The Cycle

**Project Title:** Eco Exploration at Pinkett's Beach

**Locality:** Newport News, City of

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Description:** This project aims to provide underserved youth in Newport News, Virginia with a transformative outdoor learning experience that focuses on eco-exploration, sustainable food sources, and aquaculture. By immersing participants in hands-on activities, this program will foster environmental awareness, empower youth, and create a lasting impact on the local community.

**Applicant:** 13, Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia

**Project Title:** Rappahannock Tribe Community Garden and Co-op

**Locality:** King and Queen County

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Description:** The Rappahannock Food Sovereignty program encourages and inspires our people to return to the agrarian culture of our ancestors and values of a sustainable life. Rappahannock Tribe's Community Garden and Co-op will extend this work and philosophy to the larger community of which we are a part and connect people to the outdoors through volunteer opportunities planting, harvesting, processing, and distributing, educational opportunities, and by providing value to their own agricultural products.

**Applicant:** 14, Robious Middle School PTA

**Project Title:** Robious Outdoor Study Experience (ROSE)

**Locality:** Chesterfield County

**VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$24,828.00

**Description:** Robious Middle School PTSA is partnering with the school community and Scouts BSA to create an outdoor classroom. It will provide year-round access to nature for learning, exploration, and a Zen community gathering place. The project will provide multiple volunteer opportunities, utilized unused greenspace in front of the school, create multi-sensory gardens for special education students, and provide a long-term benefit for outdoor learning for the community to thrive for years to come.