

Sample Projects

- Acquiring an environmentally significant natural area located in Durham County.
- Providing additional recreational lands and facilities, particularly where few opportunities presently exist.
- Developing a tot lot and playground.
- Purchasing play equipment at a local elementary school which is also used by the community.
- Purchasing land or making improvements for a sport leagues' privately-provided recreational facilities, where the playing fields would be open to use by the general public at times when league programs aren't scheduled.
- Assisting local Scouts Troop to clear and build a trail on publicly owned lands.

Durham Open Space & Trails Commission
Matching Grants Program
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for outdoor recreation and land preservation



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About the Program

What is the purpose of the program?

The Matching Grants Program is designed to assist nonprofit organizations in Durham County, both inside and outside the city limits, in preserving open space lands and promoting new or improved recreational opportunities for citizens of Durham County.

Who's eligible to apply?

Eligible groups are nonprofit organizations which seek to provide passive or active recreation opportunities or open space in Durham County.

What does a Matching Grant involve?

Applicants must provide at least one half of the project's cost and manage all aspects of the project to accommodate public accessibility. Reasonable public access must also be provided for.

When is the application cycle?

Grants are awarded competitively on a yearly cycle beginning in August.

Who makes the funding decisions?

Recommendations for funding are developed by the Matching Grants Committee and the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) for approval by the Durham Board of County Commissioners.

What happens if we get a Matching Grant?

The County enters into a contract with the successful applicant organization and the project work begins in the spring with a maximum of eighteen months for completion.

How do I apply?

Organizations are strongly encouraged to read the Program Guidelines before applying. The Program Guidelines along with the Matching Grants application are available online at <http://www.durhamcountync.gov/MGP/>.



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