

Donations will help in restoration of parks

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Anchorage, Alaska - Last month voters turned down a ballot proposition that would have repaired and improved many area parks. But thanks to a local philanthropist and help from more than two dozen groups, many of Anchorage's parks will get a sprucing up this summer.

This morning at Peratrovich Park, the city awarded \$400,000 worth of challenge grants. The grants ranged from \$500 to \$40,000. The groups will match the amount of grant money they receive through donations of their own and labor.



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“All the groups had something they wanted to accomplish. The Anchorage Rowing Association wanted to put a dock in at Sand Lake and the Winterberry Charter School wanted some equipment in Kianna Park which is a little downtown park. We got the whole gamut of proposals,” said Beth Norlund, Anchorage Park Foundation.

In all, 26 groups were awarded grant money.

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