



Anchorage Park Foundation 2006 Challenge Grant Awards

Rasmuson Foundation awarded the Anchorage Park Foundation \$400,000 to use as a challenge to Anchorage groups and individuals wishing to make improvements to parks and trails through fundraising, labor and in-kind contributions. We received 31 applications requesting a total of \$687,000 in support: we granted 26 and will distribute all \$400,000.

Thank you applicants for all you do for Anchorage Parks!

NORTHWEST

Brown's Point Park	\$2,000
Government Hill Community Council will fix up Brown's Point Park by removing some pavement, reseeding, and painting the totem pole.	
Centennial Rose Garden	\$5,000
The Alaska Rose Society will improve Centennial Rose Garden in Delaney Park.	
Didlika Park	\$20,000
Turnagain neighbors, community council volunteers, and an Eagle Scout will work together to improve this pocket park by reestablishing grass and foliage, and adding a historical sign and art element.	
Fairbanks Park	\$35,000
Fairview Community Council will make safety improvements to Fairbanks Park.	
Peratrovich Park	\$20,000
The Anchorage Park Foundation is raising funds to install a statue titled <i>Flight of the Raven</i> , by Roy Peratrovich Jr., in Roy and Elizabeth Peratrovich Park.	
Quiyana Park	\$19,000
The Winterberry Charter School Parents Guild will work to improve this small downtown park with a living willow fence, tree surround benches, connected walkways and a gazebo.	
Spenard Recreation Center	\$450
Wallyball players at Spenard Recreation Center will raise funds to purchase new nets and equipment.	

NORTHEAST

Abbott Loop Park	\$35,000
Simonian Little League will irrigate the Abbott Loop Park Ball fields.	
Bartlett Pool Scoreboard	\$3,500
Central Area Swimming will purchase a new LED scoreboard for Bartlett Pool.	
Campbell Creek Trail	\$1,200
The Fire Prevention Bureau will improve their adopted section of the Campbell Creek Trail by installing dog stations and planting wildflowers.	
Jacobson Park Trail	\$8,000
Rogers Park Community Council will improve a trail in Jacobson Park for pedestrian use.	

Mountainview Baseball	\$10,000
Donor Larry Partusch asks that we spend his contribution and the match on improving three Mountainview baseball fields.	
Mountainview Community Gathering Place	\$35,000
The Mountainview Arts & Culture District Association has clearly identified a need for a community gathering place for festivals & music events. This grant can help the community realize this goal in a park.	
Paddleboat Café at Goose Lake Park	\$10,000
The Paddleboat Café will upgrade their electrical system to better serve park visitors.	
University Lake Park	\$40,000
The Alaska Native Medical Center wishes to see University Lake improved as a place of healing for their patients. We will work with the Tudor Centre Trust and off leash dog park users to improve the park.	
Williwaw Park	\$30,000
Russian Jack Community Council will install playground equipment in Williwaw Park June 22. This grant will provide funds for landscaping and a trail through the park.	
SOUTHWEST	
Sand Lake Dock	\$5,000
The Anchorage Rowing Association will replace the Sand Lake Dock.	
SOUTHEAST	
Rabbit Creek Trail	\$1,193
The Rabbit Creek Community Council and the Anchorage Trails & Greenways Coalition established a trail system in the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt. This grant will assist in improving trail safety.	
Richter Trail Reconstruction & Extension	\$5,287
The Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage will reconstruct the Richter Trail to provide a classic-only trail loop in the Hillside trail system.	
CENTRAL	
Bancroft Park Playground	\$6,370
Anchorage East Rotary will install playground equipment in Bancroft Park.	
Campbell Park	\$20,000
Campbell Creek Commons developers and Evergreen Nursery will improve a section of Campbell Park near the new development.	
Far North Bicentennial Park	\$18,000
Alaska Trails will place 8 trailhead kiosks and 30 trail intersection sign posts in Far North Bicentennial Park.	
CITYWIDE	
Girdwood Playground	\$25,000
The Girdwood Playground Committee will install a playground May 31 at Girdwood Park.	
Park Cleanups	\$20,000
The Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association will clean and clear brush in Valley of the Moon Park, Charles Smith Park, and Woodside Park.	
Tree and Shrub Plantings	\$5,000 cash, \$10,000 plant materials
Anchorage TREErific will plant trees and shrubs at Abbott Loop Park, Balto Seppala Park, Turpin Park, and Williwaw Park.	
United Way 50 th Anniversary Day of Caring Project	\$20,000
In August of 2006 United Way will celebrate its 50 th year serving Anchorage with a Day of Caring project that will span 50 continuous hours on a park improvement.	