



Michigan Spark Grants Program

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Welcome and Introductions

Spark Grants Program Background

- American Rescue Plan Act one-time investments provide Michigan with a significant opportunity to change its approach to funding community needs, including parks and recreation
- Building Michigan Together, Public Act 53
- Michigan Spark Grants Program Advisory Group

Spark Grants Program Overview

Program Goals

01

Leverage federal, state, local and private resources toward a sustainable public recreation development program.

02

Provide a clear, simple and equitable grants distribution process in support of public outdoor recreation.

03

Align project partners and community organizations so resources are maximized and roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined and balanced.

Minimum grant request: \$100,000
Maximum grant request: \$1,000,000

No match is required.

Important Dates

OCT. 24, 2022	Application period starts in MiGrants
DEC. 19, 2022	Round one applications due
JAN. 2023	Round one grants awarded — up to \$15 million awarded
TBD 2023	Rounds two and three will open and be awarded — up to \$25 million awarded per round
DEC. 31, 2024	All awarded grant funds must be committed to third-party contracts
OCT. 31, 2026	All grant funded projects must be completed

Eligibility

Who's Eligible to Apply?

- Local units of government or public authorities legally established to provide public recreation; federally designated tribes
- Regional or statewide organization or consortium of local units of government or public authorities legally established to provide public recreation
- Non-government entity must meet three criteria to be eligible:
 1. Entity has a regional recreational focus
 2. Proposed project must be on public land
 3. Binding agreement in place with the public land managing entity

What Types of Projects Are Eligible?

- Must support and enhance neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes or address the increased repair or maintenance needs in response to significantly greater use of public facilities in local communities that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Must be completed by Oct. 31, 2026, on public land with the primary purpose of providing outdoor recreation

What Types of Projects are Eligible?

- May include development, renovation or redevelopment of indoor or outdoor public recreation facilities and the provision of recreation-focused equipment and programs at public recreation spaces
- May be used toward project-associated activities like administration, project review, planning, architecture and engineering services, construction, oversight and compliance activities associated with state and federal requirements

What Projects Are Ineligible?

- Facilities and/or stadiums used primarily for the viewing of professional or semiprofessional art, athletics or intercollegiate or interscholastic sports
- Art displays, decorative fountains and facilities for historical interpretation
- Projects that would create an unfair competitive situation with private enterprises
- Sidewalk projects in road rights-of-way and do not exhibit qualities associated with recreation trails
- Improvements to public roadways
- Invasive species removal, shoreline stabilization or erosion control that are not associated with development of recreation facilities at the site
- Municipal infrastructure, such as electrical transmission lines, sewer mains, water mains, etc., that is the majority of the scope of the project

What Costs Are Ineligible?

- Maintenance
- Indirect/overhead greater than 10% of total project costs without an approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Tuition and fees, conferences, travel, lodging, meals, group meals and mileage
- Costs incurred outside of the project period specified in the project agreement or amendment
- Salaries/fringes of individuals not working on the project directly
- Sales tax for exempt agencies

Unique to Spark

01

An eligible financial match is encouraged but not required*

02

A community planning process is encouraged but not required

03

A streamlined application

Project Site Eligibility

- Single park site or contiguous trail per application on public land
- Site must be open and accessible to the public and all users for 20-years minimum
- Applicant must have site control and documentation of site control
- Contaminated properties may be eligible

How to Get Started



Verify your SIGMA ID number

First, check with your financial director/staff person to see if you already have an ID number.

To get a SIGMA ID number, visit the [State of Michigan SIGMA Vendor Self Service \(VSS\) site](#) and click Register to become an eligible grantee.

Questions? Contact the State of Michigan SIGMA VSS Support Center at [SIGMA-Vendor@Michigan.gov](#) or call 517-284-0550.



Obtain a UEI

Applicants must register in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) to obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEI) before submitting a federal award application, or a federal grant award may not be issued. If you previously set up a SAM account to apply for a federal grant, you already have a UEI.

The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. It replaced the DUNS number.

Go to SAM.gov and select Get Started to get a Unique Entity ID. [This video walks you through the process.](#)



Register in MiGrants

Confirm with an authorized official of your organization that your organization is registered in the [MiGrants](#) system.

Enter your SIGMA and UEI numbers into MiGrants.

For assistance with MiGrants, contact your [regional grant coordinator](#) or email [DNR-Grants@Michigan.gov](#).

Resources

- Spark Grants FAQs
- Grant Coordinators
- Spark Grants Advisory Group

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Questions?



Thank You