



PARTNERSHIP FUND

10-Minute Walk® Park Equity Accelerator “Pilot Projects” Grant Program

Current Funding Opportunity – Guidelines and Application

Dallas, TX

Trust for Public Land’s 10-Minute Walk® Park Equity Accelerator (PEA) works with cities across the country to implement policy and systems change interventions that increase park equity. The PEA aims to address a local manifestation of a common challenge faced by park practitioners across the country.

Park Equity Goals

The Dallas Greening Initiative (DGI) is working to transform five vacant lots across the city into neighborhood green spaces. As part of the Park Equity Accelerator partnership, the city and TPL are interested in helping to create “Friends of” groups who can help maintain and steward these parks as they develop in 2025-26. Ideally, the Friends group would grow and establish itself as an officially recognized community partner through a beautification agreement with the City.

The Trust for Public Land’s [Partnership Fund](#) is offering grant funding to support this work in Dallas, at five locations:

<i>Project Location</i>	<i>TPL Facebook Page</i>
Lake June Rd. 7327 Lake June Rd, Dallas, TX 75217	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1575938343179516/
Echo Lake Dr. 2100 Echo Lake Dr, Dallas, TX 75253	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1211032959873837/
Long Branch (previously known as Cotillion Dr.) 3749 Cotillion Dr, Dallas, TX 75228	https://www.facebook.com/groups/350865161059022/
Bushmills Road 10600 Black Walnut Dr, Dallas, TX 75243	https://www.facebook.com/groups/891180275347474/
High Vista Dr. 3728 High Vista Dr, Dallas, TX 75244	https://www.facebook.com/groups/404002288722843/

Funding Description

TPL will issue mini grants to help residents form new “Friends of” groups through: 1) hosting recruitment events, and 2) temporary activations of future park space. Examples of applications/project activities designed to draw in volunteers may include:

- Hosting recruitment events
 - Park clean-up days or beautification activities
 - Organizing community events (such as community picnics, exercise class, educational workshops, community nature walks)
- Temporary activations of future park space
 - Temporary activations at the site (such as scheduling a tour to see site progress, hosting a clean-up, etc.)
 - Gardening or planting to beautify the space (without power tools or equipment)

Funding can be used to purchase supplies, pay fees associated with activations, and more. Applicants are encouraged to contact TPL staff listed in the “How to Apply” section with any questions about the eligibility of specific activities.

Available Funding

\$20,000 in funding is available for **grants of up to \$4,000** for five groups that will get started as part of the Dallas Greening Initiative. There will be **one grant available for each of the five DGI sites**. We encourage applicants to coordinate with neighbors and local community organizations to submit a single application that is representative of your community’s vision for your DGI site. In addition to funding, all selected projects will receive customized technical assistance from experts at TPL.

Eligibility

Applicants and projects must meet the overall TPL Partnership Fund’s eligibility criteria – you may download a copy from TPL’s website: <https://10minutewalk.org/partnership-fund/>

Additional restrictions and requirements for this funding opportunity include:

- Prior to applying, *at least one member of the developing Friends group must have attended one of the following technical assistance workshops*. Please contact Laura Quintero (laura.quintero@tpl.org) with any questions about the workshops, or to make alternative arrangements if you are unable to attend.
 - TPL Dallas Greening Initiative workshops:
 - **Bushmills Workshop:** Wednesday, September 3, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Forest Audelia Youth Boxing Gym
 - **Lake June Workshop:** Tuesday, September 16, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Pleasant Grove Library
 - **High Vista Workshop:** Wednesday, October 8, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Park Forest Library
 - **Long Branch (Cotillion Dr.) Workshop:** Tuesday, October 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Harry Stone Recreation center
 - **Echo Lake Workshop:** Wednesday, October 29, from 6:00-7:30 PM at Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center
 - Dallas Parks & Recreation’s annual Power in the Parks event:
 - **Power in the Parks:** Thursday, November 20, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Kiest Recreation Center (more info on Dallas Parks & Recreation [website](#)) **NOTE:** *This workshop is hosted by Dallas Park & Recreation, not TPL. Confirm details on the city’s website.*

- Typically, grants are given to community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status or a fiscal sponsor. In the case of the Dallas Greening Initiative, a qualified individual may be eligible to receive grant funding on behalf of the project, if a community-based organization is not a feasible applicant. Individuals must be willing to receive funds as an individual for tax purposes and provide a copy of their W9. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to TPL's grant administrator (jennifer.yip@tpl.org) to confirm eligibility, prior to submitting a grant application.

Application Deadline

Applications are due February 12, 2025, by 5:00 PM PST. Here is a link to the Application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/aNJUPS9mXs>.

Timing Considerations

All projects, regardless of project type, should be considered “ready to proceed” and must be completed within the grant term/period of performance below.

Activity	Timing
TPL Technical Assistance Workshop	See the eligibility section above for dates. Contact laura.quintero@tpl.org with questions
Dallas Parks & Rec <i>Power in the Parks</i> Event	November 20, 2025
Applications Due	February 12, 2026 - by 5:00PM, PST
Selection / Notice of Award	Week of March 23, 2026
Grant Agreement issued	Beginning March 23, on a rolling basis
Period of performance	Projects can occur within 12 months after Grant agreement is signed
Final Reports due	1 month before grant ends

How to Apply

- Confirm Eligibility
- Fill out [Application Form](#) online. A copy of the application questions is at the end of this document, for reference.
- Contact Sam Savin (sam.savin@tpl.org) with questions about the PEA or project proposals
- Contact Laura Quintero (laura.quintero@tpl.org) with local site and Dallas-specific questions about project proposals
- Contact Jennifer Yip (jennifer.yip@tpl.org) or Jennifer Isacoff (jennifer.isacoff@tpl.org) with questions about the application process.

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Application - Dallas

Application Deadline and Instructions

This application is associated with the Trust for Public Land [Partnership Fund](#)’s current funding opportunity for Dallas, Texas. The 10-Minute Walk® **Park Equity Accelerator (PEA) Pilot Grants** provide resources to community organizations that, in partnership or collaboration with cities and TPL staff, will plan and conduct pilot activities to test or build towards a city’s park equity goals, as identified through the PEA program.

Applications are due online by February 12, 2026

- Please complete this online Application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/aNJUPS9mXs>.

The following is a sample application that may be used to develop your proposal before submitting it [online](#) (copy and paste your text into the online form). If you do not have access to submit an application online, you may email a completed version of this application to: Jennifer Yip (jennifer.yip@tpl.org) and Sam Savin (sam.savin@tpl.org). Write “PFUND Application” in the subject.

Applications to this grant program should align with TPL’s umbrella Partnership Fund Guidelines and the 10-Minute Walk PEA Pilot Projects Grant Funding Opportunity.

Contact Sam Savin with any questions about the PEA or the development of your proposal.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Project Title:	
Location (City, State):	
Grantee Organization or Individual:	
If applicable, Fiscal Sponsor:	
Federal EIN (if applicable):	
Grantee Contact (Name/Title):	
Applying for (amount):	\$

Which of the following best describes the Applicant/Grantee Organization?

- ☐ Community Based Organization with 510(c)(3) status
- ☐ Organization with a Fiscal Sponsor
- ☐ Grassroots Organization with bank account
- ☐ Individual

Which technical assistance workshop did you attend?

- **Bushmills Workshop:** Wednesday, September 3
- **Lake June Workshop:** Tuesday, September 16
- **High Vista Workshop:** Wednesday, October 8
- **Long Branch (previously known as Cotillion) Workshop:** Tuesday, October 15
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II. PROJECT INFORMATION

(1) **Provide a description of your project.** Describe the need for the project, how this project will help address this need, and what you are proposing to do.

(2) **Are there any specific populations you are hoping to reach? Tell us why they are selected and what strategies you will use to reach them specifically.**

(3) **Will your project include or influence any of the following?** (check all that apply)

- ☐ Community engagement
- ☐ Programming or Events
- ☐ Wayfinding/signage or other promotion of parks
- ☐ Temporary park activations
- ☐ Training or Gatherings
- ☐ Resource creation (i.e., guidebook)
- ☐ Other (fill in):

(4) **Describe the timeline for your project. Detail the planning, proposed activities, events, key milestones, and products that will be created.**

(5) **Describe any partners who will play a role in the project.** (note that regranting is highly discouraged and may create barriers for funding).

(6) **Please describe what permits or permissions might be required for your project proposal, and how you plan to secure them.**

(7) What are the most significant outcomes for this project? How do you plan to track these impacts? Describe the impacts that are directly tied to activities. Project implementers should plan to track participation in events.

Please structure your response as follows, offering at least 3 metrics:

-*OUTCOMES: What is the impact you want to have?*

-*RELATED PROJECT ACTIVITIES: What will you plan, make, or do to try and achieve the impact?*

-*TRACKING: What can you count that will help you measure progress or success?*

OUTCOMES	PROJECT ACTIVITIES	TRACKING
<i>Example: Generate new champions of parks, focusing on the health sector</i>	<i>Create a “guidebook to local parks and trails” for health clinics and community organizations</i>	<i>- Track number of copies shared/downloaded</i> <i>- Count number of event attendees</i> <i>- Survey about interest in parks engagement</i>
Add yours below...		

(8) Describe what relevant past experiences make you a strong partner to advance parks and the city’s greening goals.

III. BUDGET QUESTIONS

(9) Overall Total Project Budget: \$_____

(10) Project Budget for this Request Describe how you plan to spend the \$4,000 budget:

Category	Description	Amount
Staffing		\$
		\$
Other Expenses (Including printing and production costs, travel, contracts, re-grants, etc.)		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total (should equal Amount Requested)		\$

(11) Leveraged funds/sustainability. Do you currently have, or plan to seek, other funding/ resources to support the project? Please describe fully.