



Access to Recreation Initiative 2007 Recreation Access Matching Grants

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The **Recreation Access Matching Grant** program will provide up to 50% matching funds (up to \$10,000 maximum), for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials (such as, but not limited to... all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible unitary playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, accessible picnic tables, etc.) which enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities. Items to be purchased must directly and specifically enhance access to the recreation experience.

Submission:

One original and **six** copies

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Proposals must be **postmarked** by Friday, January 12, 2007

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Proposal Cover Page: (limited to one page)

Applicant Information:

Agency/organization name, mailing address, phone and fax numbers

Contact person name, phone (direct line), e-mail

Fund Request:

Total amount of matching funds requested (indicate total dollar amount and % of total cost)

Total amount of agency/organization funds committed (indicate total dollar amount and % of total cost)

Identify source of agency/organization funds committed




Total cost (matching\$\$ + committed\$\$ = total \$\$)

Description:

Brief description of items to be purchased

Brief statement of how this will support/enhance/improve participation by people with disabilities in what specific recreation experiences.

Proposal Format:

-  [label all proposal sections](#)
-  page header with project agency/organization name and "page # of total # of pages" (see ex. above)
-  submit in $\frac{1}{4}$ " three ring clear view binders with project cover sheet on front

Proposal Content:

Statement of Need:

1. Identify and describe the recreation experience that will be made more accessible by the addition of this equipment or material.
2. Identify and describe existing barriers to the recreation experience which are currently limiting participation by people with disabilities.
3. Identify users that will directly benefit from the addition of this accessible equipment or material.
4. Briefly describe your sources of information and the processes used to gather need information from individuals with disabilities, their families and advocates.

Existing Site Conditions:

Submit a site map with identification, location and descriptions of...

1. existing accessible features/amenities of the site that support participation by individuals with disabilities
2. existing accessibility barriers and the barrier removal plan with timelines and identification and

User Impact and Implementation Plan:

1. Describe how the addition of this equipment or materials will remove an existing barrier and enhance participation by people with disabilities.
2. Submit an implementation time line for purchase/installation/implementation.
3. Submit an implementation plan for marketing the availability of this new accessible feature to the public and your process for specifically informing individuals with disabilities, their families and advocates of this accessibility improvement.

Documentation of product specifications:

Attach, in appendix A, the manufacturer product specifications that specifically identify the "accessible" characteristics and compliance with ADA requirements including photos, brochures and supportive documentation.

Agency/Organization Fund Commitment:

Attach, in appendix B, documentation of the agency/organization total fund allocation commitment and source.

Reporting Requirements:

Attach, in appendix C, a reporting plan and time line for fulfilling the following reporting requirements of the grant:

1. Documentation of purchase/installation/implementation.
2. Documentation of marketing materials and activities.
3. Submit digital photo documentation of individuals with disabilities participating together with individuals who don't have disabilities in the recreation experience, utilizing the new accessible equipment or materials.
4. Participate in a panel presentation at the 2008 MRPA conference.