

## Rochester Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

Providing traditional, innovative and affordable quality services (activities, programs and facilities) for Rochester's residents and visitors.

## Overview

Community Engaged Resources can include money and supplies for projects or activities with the park system initiated by Rochester residents and approved by the Park Commissioners. This annual funding source is dedicated from the 2020 Park Referendum that was passed by Rochester voters. Annually there is \$100,000 available but project proposals could be as small as a \$100. Proposals can be submitted at any time but will be reviewed in a Parks & Rec. Board meeting in April and October. Connect with your Park Commissioner ([Park Commissioners Contacts](#)) to develop the project proposal. This is a pilot project we expect future improvements.

## Applications Criteria

All applications should be 2 single spaced text pages and including the information below, images can be submitted as additional supplemental materials.

- Project leader/s first and last name/s
- Project leader/s contact information including email address and phone number
- Brief background of community engagement about this proposed project
- Narrative of the project idea including intended:
  - Project description
  - Facilities affected
  - Need being addressed
  - Benefits and intended audience
  - Timeframe for implementation and expected project duration
  - Permits required
- Short description of how this project fits within the [Rochester Parks & Recreation System Plan](#). Specific references to the plan are helpful and addressing many of the issues on the Project Review Process (Implementation Section starting on page 6-13).

## Review Criteria

- Is the project idea and proposal submitted by the community? Priority will be given to youth (residents under 18 years of age) and [underrepresented groups](#).
- Does the proposal meet an unmet community need?
- Is the proposal environmentally sustainable?
- Will the proposal support healthy living and choices?
- Does the proposal inspire community pride?
- What are the operational sustainability impacts of this project?

FIGURE 6-1: PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS

