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Up to \$200,000 in awards available through Park District of Ottawa County grant program

Port Clinton, OH, Oct. 24, 2023 – The Park District of Ottawa County Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program is back for its third round of awards, and up to \$200,000 is available to distribute amongst deserving Ottawa County political subdivisions, and public schools and libraries.

The Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program Application, including detailed grant information, eligibility and program requirements, can be found on the Park District of Ottawa County website, www.ottawacountyparksoh.org, along with a Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program presentation that highlights the program in entirety, including changes and updates made for 2024.

Eligible applicants may request up to \$50,000.00 to be used for permanent improvements to public outdoor recreation spaces/facilities/trails or equipment to maintain spaces/facilities/trails. Grant funding may also be used for planning, public surveys and engineering if the plans correlate with an outdoor recreation improvement on property owned or under long term lease to the entity applying for the grant, said Jannah Wilson, executive director of the Park District of Ottawa County.

“The goal of the grant program is to improve access to outdoor spaces, aid in the development of active transportation routes to parks and points of interest, and bolster public outdoor recreation opportunities within Ottawa County,” Wilson said. “It was the consensus of the Board of Park Commissioners that a program of assistance to Ottawa County political subdivisions would increase benefits from tax dollars and provide greater access to outdoor recreation opportunities in Ottawa County.”

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Judging will take place Jan. 18, 2024. A grant panel comprised of community members and local professionals will utilize a scoring system along with a panel discussion to determine recommended funding amounts. The scoring rubric is attached to the application packet, found online at www.ottawacountyparksoh.org. Grant award letters and contracts will be emailed Feb. 13, 2024.

With a mission to “Connect, enhance and protect the natural, scenic, environmental and cultural resources of Ottawa County for the enjoyment of residents and visitors,” the Park District of Ottawa County recognizes the importance of forming partnerships to provide maximum outdoor recreation access and safety to all county residents and visitors.

Contact Park District of Ottawa County Executive Director Jannah Wilson at jwilson@ottawacountyparksoh.org or (419) 707-4051 with any questions related to the 2024 Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program.

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