

MSBA Playground Compliance Program: *“Keeping Kids Safe, Healthy & Fit”*



Outdoor Play Grants



“Together Building Safe, Accessible and Green Play Areas”

The Minnesota School Boards Association is pleased to announce “Outdoor Play Grants” for Minnesota schools through the MSBA Playground Compliance Program in partnership with the National Playground Compliance Group (NPCG). These grants are available for a limited time and will serve to assist communities to build environmentally friendly, healthy, safe and accessible play areas for their children.

PURPOSE

MSBA will provide matching cash grants from a minimum \$2,000 to a maximum \$15,000 to eligible candidates who demonstrate a strong desire to improve the overall safety, accessibility and health of their play areas.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any school, government or nonprofit entity is an eligible applicant. Multiple applications from an entity are acceptable.

See reverse side for more information.



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must provide an overall scope, budget, design and timeline to build safe, accessible and compliant playgrounds for the children they serve. Also, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to providing matching dollars to this project. This detail is required in the scope and budget section of the application.
- Grant funds will be used exclusively for the purchase of rubber tile playground surfaces and playground equipment. Grants cannot be used for purchase of the required concrete sub-base or installation of playground surfacing or equipment. These matching requirements are the responsibility of the grant applicant and can be in the form of cash and donations.
- The National Playground Compliance Group (NPCG) is the exclusive designee to assist with the design, planning and installation of your new play area. Applicants are required to use the products and services provided by NPCG.

GRANT AMOUNTS, SELECTION AND CRITERIA

In general, grant awards will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. The total amount of the grant award and selection of the recipients will be based on:

- Scheduled scope and details to the overall plan, including, but not limited to, timelines and construction of the new play area.
- Local matching amount and aggregate amount of entire project.
- Verifiable commitment of additional funding sources and amount of the local match.
- Acknowledgement of efforts to create community awareness of its desire to build safe, healthy and accessible play areas.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applications must be received no later than April 30 but will be evaluated and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

AWARD NOTIFICATION AND TIMELINE

1. Feb. 23: Grant applications are available.
2. April 30: Application deadline.
3. May 14: Applicants will be notified of all award decisions.
4. June 18: All necessary purchase orders between applicant and NPCG must be executed.
5. Sept. 30: All projects are required to be completed and certified.

DELIVERY OF CASH GRANT

The cash grant will be delivered 30 days upon completion and compliance certification of project.

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To ensure this compliance requirement, NPCG will act as the exclusive provider of products and services for this grant. Site visits and designs will be provided by NPCG's staff at no cost to applicants.



Look for more information and download application documents on our Web site at www.mnmsba.org.

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