

STRATEGIC GRANTS

Enhancing Outdoor Play Space



Why Strategic Grants

Defining an area of focus allows for a greater community impact. We are committed to allocating substantial resources towards a specific outcome. A multiyear approach provides concentration in a defined area and allows for data collection.

Area of Focus

GBCF is focused on projects that **create or enhance outdoor play or recreational space** for the health and well-being of youth. Preferably projects on public property accessible to all residents. Requests may be for planning, policy, equipment, safety improvements, lighting, etc. Funds shall not be used for special events.

Where Does Funding Come From

GBCF will use 50% of the annual allocation for the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund – Youth Fund for strategic purposes. The other 50% will continue to support the health and well-being of youth through our competitive grant process.

How Much Funding Is Available

There is not a specific allocation per community because not all communities are positioned to apportion resources toward our area of focus. GBCF anticipates over \$200,000 (approximately \$35,000 a year) will be awarded to support outdoor play spaces by 2022.

Timeframe

GBCF anticipates maintaining this area of focus for the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund from 2016 through 2022.

Partnership

We want to partner with organizations and communities in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford County, Kansas.

How To Apply

Please contact Sue Cooper with your ideas. We will work with you to complete a proposal for our board of directors to review.

Sue Cooper Program Officer