KOMPAN Awards Five Matched Funding Grants to Communities Around the United States

Five organizations awarded grants to help improve play and fitness in their communities.

AUSTIN, Texas (PRWEB) May 10, 2019 -- KOMPAN announced the winners of the Matched Funding Grant campaign. This is KOMPAN’s second annual campaign focused on helping community groups, schools and cities increase the size of their inclusive play spaces or interactive fitness areas. The grant process asked applicants for in-depth information on their mission, their communities, and what they hope to accomplish with the new playground or fitness space.

“Here at KOMPAN we understand the vital importance of inclusive play and fitness opportunities for everyone,” KOMPAN President Tom Enright said. “Our commitment with these grants is to amplify the impact of the community efforts. We look forward to partnering with the 2019 Matched Funding Grant recipients to create engaging and accessible spaces.”

Grant Recipients
City of Corona - CA
The City of Corona does not have a fully universally accessible playground. This proposed project will be the first of its kind in Corona. This project is particularly important to the community to meet the needs of all residents. The target population for this project is every Corona citizen—no one will be excluded. The universal playground reflects the City’s commitment to promoting fitness among all citizens, a priority which directly aligns with KOMPAN’s mission to help communities like Corona establish an innovative, inclusive play space.

Parks and People Foundation - Baltimore, MD
Parks & People believes that everyone in Baltimore deserves access to a park. Through this project, they will provide a high-quality park to a neighborhood that lacks such an asset. For nearly 30 years, the vacant lots that comprise the project site sat underutilized and blighted along a busy urban corridor, used only as a “turnaround” area for trucks and a site for dumping. As with many post-demolition sites in Baltimore, the space was mostly bare, with compacted urban soil. It was the focal point of neglect, rather than a space that positively contributed to the environmental quality and quality of life for the neighborhood.

The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation – Norfolk, VA
The Plum Point Park Trailhead is a picturesque property located between the historic Fort Norfolk and Chelsea neighborhoods. With its proximity to multiple working shipyards, the Sentara Healthcare/EVMS Medical Complex, and Harbor’s Edge senior living community, this section of the ERT sees an average of 1,100 users daily. The roughly one-acre site sits on the west side of the trail between Plum Point Park and the Elizabeth River Crossing. The course will overlook the ERT and a beautifully restored wetlands area on the river. The Plum Point Park Trailhead is the first of 11 trailheads the ERT Foundation plans to develop, and the inclusion of KOMPAN’s dynamic obstacle course at this mid-point trail location is crucial for ERT’s rapidly growing fitness community. For more information, visit www.elizabethrivertrail.org.

City of Grand Rapids - MI
Rasberry Field is a three-acre park in a dense, urban neighborhood in southeast Grand Rapids. The park currently has a small parking lot and a baseball field, which was named after American Negro Baseball League
player/manager and Grand Rapids resident Ted Rasberry. Rasberry Field is currently used for the YMCA Inner City Youth Baseball program. The park has an undeveloped quarter-acre space in the southwest corner where the Parks Department will create a custom-designed play space, or Wellness Adventure Yard, in partnership with the Junior League of Grand Rapids.

Hamburg Central School District – Hamburg, NY
Through the creation of a new playground, HCSD hopes to provide a fun and engaging play space for all area youth, including those with limited mobility. The more access students have to outdoor recreational activities, the more likely they are to have better wellness. Children with no access to parks or playgrounds have 26% higher odds of obesity (Singh, Siahpush, Kogan. Neighborhood Socioeconomic Conditions, Built Environments, and Childhood Obesity, 2010). Additionally, this project will enhance safe recreation for all students by increasing the fall mitigation ability of the playground surfacing.

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