



South Suburban PARKS AND RECREATION

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Matching Gifts Program Doubles Money to Benefit Neighborhoods, HOAs, Sports Groups and Service Clubs

Who doesn't like free money? Stretch your dollars with South Suburban Park and Recreation District's annual Matching Gifts Program. South Suburban's Board of Directors has allocated up to \$15,000 in its 2015 budget for its annual Matching Gifts Program. The program matches donated dollars with District funds, resulting in double the money available for the development and improvement of community parks, trails, facilities and programs. Neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, service clubs, individuals and other community organizations are encouraged to apply for matching funds to complete their community projects on District-owned or leased property.

South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program is designed to benefit a number of projects throughout the District, which serves residents of Littleton, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Bow Mar, Lone Tree and Centennial west of 1-25, and portions of Jefferson, Douglas and Arapahoe counties. Application requests for projects should not exceed \$2,000. Projects submitted for consideration must be completed within 2015.

Improvements during 2014 included the planting of six trees in Carriage Club Estates Park in Lone Tree, repairing penalty areas and goal mouths at Cornerstone Park, installing a BBQ grill at Medema Park in Centennial, purchasing "fins" for the Ben Franklin Swim Team, planting of trees and shrubs in Trailmark Open Space in Littleton, purchasing kitchen equipment and linens for the Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, doubling the electrical outlet amperage at Clarkson Park Shelter in Centennial, installing a Dolphin Timing System for Holly Park Sharks Swim Team and xeriscaping at Otero/Phillips Open Space in Centennial.

Requests must be submitted by Fri., March 6, 2015. Projects selected for funding are expected to be announced at the Wed., April 8, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Guidelines and Application can be downloaded, viewed at <https://www.ssprd.org/Home/Matching-Gifts-Program> or picked up at the South Suburban Administrative Office, 6631 South University Blvd., Centennial. For more information, contact Mindy Albert at MindyA@ssprd.org or call 303-483-7009.

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