

Build it with KaBOOM!

Thanks to the generosity of funding partners, KaBOOM! has ongoing grant opportunities—based on geographic locations where and when KaBOOM! has funding—for community partners to transform their community spaces! KaBOOM! encourages potential community partners to apply proactively so that as grant opportunities present themselves, KaBOOM! can quickly be in touch with you to schedule the next steps in the process.

BENEFITS

- Receive a new custom-designed playground and playspace with enhancement projects!
- Engage community members to work toward a common goal.
- Participate in a planning process that will help you fundraise, strengthen your community, build relationships, and develop media relations skills that can be used for future community projects.
- Establish an ongoing relationship with KaBOOM! through our Playmaker Network and a sponsor who wants to make a long-term impact in your community.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

- Serve a low-income and/or special needs community.
- Have no playground or need to replace an existing unsafe or outdated one.
- Work with the community, with guidance from a dedicated KaBOOM! Project Manager, to fundraise toward the cost of equipment.
- Own the land on which you wish to build, or have a long-term lease and get permission from the landowner to construct a playground.
- Demonstrate ability to recruit a team of parents, neighbors, and community members who are excited about serving on the planning committee for an eight to ten week period, plus recruit approximately 100 community members to participate on Build Day.
- Complete any needed site preparation on at least 2,500 square feet in order to create a flat, dirt surface (e.g., removing old equipment or asphalt, etc.)
- Secure soil tests, utility checks, and build permits in a timely manner.
- Identify community resources to secure additional in-kind contributions such as breakfast and lunch for Build Week, tools, restroom facilities, and a dumpster.
- Accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the playspace upon completion of project.

QUICK TIP

The strongest community partners will:

- Serve children from a low-income population, serve children with special needs or are located in a disaster-impacted community
- Demonstrate the need for a playground in your community
- Have a space that does not currently have a playground on site or have a playground that needs to be replaced
- Will implement a community-build model to engage the larger community in all aspects of project planning and playground build execution

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1: Application

Each potential Community Partner is required to complete an application about their organization(s) and the community they serve. The application requires pictures of the potential playground site, a map showing the site dimensions, and additional background information.

Step 2: Interview call

Upon receipt of a viable application, an Outreach team member will schedule a call with the community to discuss the scope of the project and the responsibilities involved. The call will cover, among other things, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, parental involvement, liability and maintenance, site logistics, tools and materials, playground design, legal responsibilities, and Design Day and Build Day festivities. Participants in the call typically include the primary contacts at the organization(s) applying and others who will play an integral role in the process.

Step 3: Follow-up materials

Next, the applicant will be asked to submit additional materials including a signed Letter of Intent, a petition demonstrating support for the project within the broader community, a logo, and proof of landownership.

KaBOOM! requires each potential applicant to review the draft Letter of Agreement and affirm in writing that they are ready to sign that agreement if chosen for the project. Since KaBOOM! schedules a Design Day soon after a Community Partner is confirmed, any contract negotiations must take place before KaBOOM! recommends an organization to a Funding Partner.

Step 4: KaBOOM! review panel

Once follow-up materials are submitted, an internal panel at KaBOOM! will review the prospective Community Partner and their proposed site to determine if the Community Partner is a finalist for current funding opportunities in their area.

Step 5: Final interview call and recommendation to the Funder

Finalists will proceed to a final screening call. It is essential to have one or more non-staff community members on this call. This call often takes place with the account manager who works directly with the Funding Partner. This is the final step before KaBOOM! formally recommends a potential Community Partner to a KaBOOM! Funding Partner.

Once the Funding Partner confirms a Community Partner, the selected Community Partner will be notified immediately. If selected, planning for the project may begin immediately! The remaining qualified candidates will be notified and considered for future opportunities.