



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD). HPARD actively seeks collaboration that aligns with our mission to enrich lives through recreation. Please review this document with guidance on expectations, documentation requirements, and compliance standards for organizations seeking to partner with HPARD.

Community Partnerships

These are collaborative, mission-aligned relationships between HPARD and nonprofits, community-based organizations (CBO), and other institutions.

- Shared goals to benefit city public parks, community center programs, or sport programs
- Often involve in-kind contribution, grant-funded efforts, or co-hosted programs
- Focused on recreation, public benefit, education, or stewardship

HPARD Core Partnership Priorities

Partnerships should support HPARD's mission and vision.

- *Mission: "To enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks, and offering affordable programming for our community."*
- *Vision: "The pursuit of a park system that is equitable and balanced and provides engaging recreation programming for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic levels."*

Minimum Requirements For Partnership Consideration

Please ensure your organization

- ✓ A defined mission and track record of service
- ✓ An idea or program that aligns with HPARD's goals, mission and vision
- ✓ A funded plan or secured resources
- ✓ Capacity to begin implementation within 3-6 months
- ✓ A detailed program proposal

Roles & Responsibilities

HPARD will provide agreed-upon support, which may include access to facilities, promotional assistance, volunteers, etc

Partner organizations must:

- Deliver programs/events as described in the agreed-upon proposal.
- Obtain any required insurance, permits, or compliance documentation.

