

Mad River Valley Recreation District Announces 2022 Recreation Grant Awards

This year, the Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) received 14 grant applications seeking a total of \$75,112 in funding. In addition to operating the grant program, MRVRD continues to manage Mad River Park. With careful consideration for the best use of its limited funds the MRVRD will spend a total of \$38,300 on grants to 12 organizations including \$3,200 to Mad River Park for projects that will promote community vitality, physical fitness, appreciation for the outdoors and a high quality of life in the Mad River Valley. The Board of the MRVRD (a Union Municipal District formed in 1994) meets with leaders from organizations that are applying, reviews applications and awards grants to advance new initiatives, support essential maintenance, and continue programs vital to community recreation.

MRVRD is pleased to support the following organizations with Recreation Grants in 2022:

- **Couples Club** was awarded \$3,000 for maintenance and operation of Couples' Field.
- **Harwood Youth Basketball** was awarded \$3,900 for equipment for its new co-ed first and second grade program.
- **Mad River Lacrosse** was awarded \$3,000 for a backstop and newly required shoulder pads.
- **Mad River Little League** was awarded \$2,100 for safety and facility improvements with a carryover of \$2,200 for a new scoreboard that was delayed in 2021.
- **Mad River Nordic/Mad River Bill Koch League (BKL) Club** was awarded \$2,000 to support the purchase of a small trail groomer.
- **Mad River Path** was awarded \$4,000 for Spaulding Greenway (new 1.25 mile path), path-side shelters, and vegetation management.
- **Mad River Riders** was awarded \$4,000 for stamped engineering plans and other expenses associated with the Mill Brook Bridge.
- **Mad River Ridge Runners** was awarded \$3,000 toward signage, tire replacement, and annual maintenance of the groomer.
- **Mad Valley Sports (the non-profit hosting the Mad Marathon, Mad Half & Relays)** was awarded \$2,900 for Sponsorship of the Relay.
- **Skatium** was awarded \$1,000 toward a Feasibility Study.
- **Warren Skatepark** was awarded \$3,500 for materials.
- **Vermont Adaptive** was awarded \$500 for it's new facility at Mt. Ellen.

Annual support from Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston provides crucial funding for recreation programs, fields and trails which are vital to the quality of life and the economy of the Mad River Valley. As the popularity of outdoor recreation expands and evolves in the Valley, the MRVRD is also growing to address challenges and opportunities and facilitate a long-standing tradition of citizen engagement and collaboration. To learn more about the MRVRD's strategic goals and the Recreation Grant Program, visit mrvrd.org or contact Laura Arnesen, MRVRDEx. Director, at laura@mrvrd.org.