



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Indy Parks Programming Partners Call Out

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I'm interested in applying. Where should I start?

We suggest reading through all the guidelines and information on [our website](#), as well as reading through our presentation from our info sessions. The presentation slides give you additional information on how to best align your programs with our mission, vision, values, and core program areas. They also inform you of some of the results from our 2023 Comprehensive Master Plan community feedback and program assessment – all of which informed this Programming Partners Call Out to provide more diverse programming for the communities we serve. We also encourage you to view the virtual info session, if you were unable to attend. All of this information can be found on [the website](#).

Can I apply more than once? What if I want to apply with multiple program offerings?

Yes, apply as many times as you'd like – there is no limit. If you have multiple programs, we encourage you to submit them all for consideration, but please submit them each as individual applications (one application per program). Think of each application as one individual program (even if it's a program that can be repeated or is ongoing).

My program might fall in more than one core program area. What should I select?

You can find a list of our core program areas on the [parks website](#). Select what you think aligns best with your program, and feel free to select more than one. If you're not sure what area your program falls under, feel free to leave it blank.

I'm not quite sure my program aligns with any core program area. Should I still apply?

Yes, we encourage you to apply, even if you're not sure where your program fits. All applications will be taken into consideration.

Will there be space available for my program?

Yes, we have 214 parks with both indoor and outdoors spaces available for your program. While there is not a full list of each park's amenities, we will consider your program's space needs to help place you in the park that best fits.

Will there be staffing available for my program?

Indy Parks staff and volunteer base varies from park to park. However, if your program requires staff or volunteer assistance, please indicate that in your application so we can work with you on staffing needs.

Can I specify which park I want my program to take place in?

As part of our goals for new programming and partnerships, we want to be considerate of gaps and barriers in our program areas, which includes bringing more inclusive programming to areas of our city

that our communities may not have access to previously. Applicants may optionally select a township/area of town with their application, but we will be looking at all sides of town to help spread out our program offerings as equitably as possible. We will work with the partner on preferred park locations and may make suggestions based on community needs.

My program idea is not a fully developed, yet. Should I still apply?

Yes, we encourage you to apply, even if your program is still a concept or being developed. All applications will be taken into consideration.

What kind of funding is available for my program?

Indy Parks has funding in our general budget and will also be utilizing several grant funds. If your program doesn't fall into these categories, we may look for additional funding opportunities. Please indicate in your application if you require funding or if your program is fully funded.

Do programs require registration or have a fee?

We offer a variety of programming models that include free or fee-based programs, as well as scholarships and funding for accessibility to programs that might have a fee. We offer programs as drop-in or pre-registration, and this will depend on the type of program and what the partner may prefer. Indy Parks uses ActiveNet for most program registrations but are open to other options, if a partner already has a platform they utilize.

What is the timeline for when programs will be implemented?

Programs that have been approved, fully funded, and staffed might start as early as late fall/early winter 2023. Most other selected programs will start in 2024.

Will there be meetings setup between Indy Parks and potential program partners? What do next steps look like?

Right now, Indy Parks is not setting up any meetings prior to the deadline for the Call Out. However, after the selection committee has had time to review all applications, we will reach out to potential program partners on next steps. This could include requesting additional information or clarification on your application(s), setting up follow-up meetings with staff to begin coordinating, going through required paperwork, etc. We recognize that each individual program and partner might have different needs and require additional follow-up, and we will handle each applicant case by case. We appreciate your patience as we work through the process!

Have additional questions? Please submit them through our survey by [clicking here](#) or email Kavita Mahoney, Chief Strategy Officer: Kavita.Mahoney@Indy.Gov