

CITY OF GRETNA



Notice of Grant Application Available for Review (Application for Cares Act Funding)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a grant application is available for public viewing, to be submitted by May 13th, 2022, to the State Office of Community Development for Cares Act funding. See details below.

Place: **Gretna City Hall Building**
740 Seconded Street; Council Chambers (second floor)
Gretna, Louisiana 70053

An application for the following grant program is available at Gretna City Hall for viewing between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The proposed project is to construct public restrooms at Gretna City Park to help encourage more outdoor recreation and fitness activities in light of COVID-19. The City intends to apply for up to \$400,000 for the construction project. Objectives are to provide comfort stations so that multiple types of park users can utilize the amenities available, including the construction of almost two miles of new nature trails, a new outdoor pavilion, as well as new fishing piers and a kayak launch.

Cares Act Funding through Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program

Federal Cares Act funding to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic contains \$10,000,000 in competitive grant funding through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) program for outdoor fitness and recreational parks projects in Low to Moderate Income Areas. Up to \$400,000 is available for eligible municipalities over 5,000 in population for projects that enable and encourage more outdoor recreation and fitness activities at public parks. Projects that are eligible include construction of public restrooms and other public facilities improvements (but not indoor facilities), property acquisition for parks, or land clearing and demolition. Equipment purchases, fields or facilities for organized sports are not eligible. The City of Gretna's population is considered 52% low to moderate income by federal standards and will be applying for \$400,000 in funding. No displacement of persons as a result of park improvement activities is anticipated by acquisition or otherwise. The City of Gretna is currently using LCDBG funding for the Gretna City Park trails project and is in good standing with the state for this program.

All citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to: City Clerk, City of Gretna, P.O. Box 404, Gretna, LA 70054-0404.
Or for more information, please call (504) 363-1568.

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