



Creative Play Grants

In-Kind Donations of Playtime Products to USA Nonprofits, Schools, and Municipalities

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Agency Type: Foundation / Corporation

Funding Source: KaBOOM!

Deadline: Ongoing

Conf. Date: 00/00/00

Description: In-kind donations of playtime products to USA nonprofit organizations, schools, and municipalities. The purpose of the program is to support the purchase of unique, large-scale playspace system parts and building kits for children that encourage creativity, communication, collaboration, and innovation. Priority will be given to applicants focusing on STEM areas.

Full Description:

Playground grants aim to help communities build safe places for kids to play. In the framework of their Creative Play grant, KaBOOM! uses the term “Creative Play Product” to refer to their Imagination Playground and Rigamajig play products. These systems are designed to inspire innovation and design through free, unstructured play.

About **Imagination Playground™**

Imagination Playground™ is an innovative design in play equipment that encourages creativity, communication, and collaboration in play. With a collection of custom-designed, oversized blue foam parts, Imagination Playground™ provides a changing array of elements that allow children to turn their playground into a space constantly built and re-built by their imagination. For further details, see <https://kaboom.org/creative-play/imagination-playground>.

About **Rigamajig®**

Rigamajig® is a collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts and rope allow that children to follow their curiosity while playing. There are no wrong answers, and while the pieces can come together as a crane used to convey buckets or materials, they can also become a giraffe, monster, robot, airplane or anything the kids can imagine. For further details, see <https://kaboom.org/creative-play/rigamajig>.

Estimated Size of Grant: Creative Play grants cover the cost of the play product and the shipment of the product to the grantee.

- The Imagination Playground grant includes four carts of Imagination Playground equipment.
- The Rigamajig grant includes two carts of Rigamajig equipment.

Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

KABOOM! offers these grants to qualifying U.S.-based organizations.

Municipalities, schools, and child-serving nonprofit organizations are eligible for this opportunity.

Applicant must:

- Demonstrate need for a Creative Play grant.
- Give evidence of available space and the ability to maintain the Imagination Playground™ in a Cart or Rigamajig®.
- Give anticipated impact that the grant will have on the community and increased play opportunities.
- Show demonstrated impact on low income areas and the number of children the grant will serve.

Priority communities:

In addition to the the above eligibility requirements, KABOOM! is looking for organizations that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math, otherwise known as STEM.

Pre-Application Information: Creative Play applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. The Creative Play program does not follow typical grant cycles, so the Foundation cannot anticipate or guarantee where or when they will have funding throughout the year.

Funding for Creative Play grants is limited to specific times of the calendar year and to specific geographic or organizational parameters. Viable applications will be kept on file indefinitely and applicants are only contacted when funding becomes available in their area. To learn more about available funding before starting an application, please contact the funding source.

KaBOOM! awards one product per grant so grant recipients will receive a Rigamajig OR an Imagination Playground. The applicant should let the Foundation know if there is a preference for one of the products in the application. (Applicants who would be happy to receive either product should select “no preference.”)

A Staff Member can be the main point of contact for the application process, but please ensure that parents and non-staff members from your community are active members in the entire process. Community engagement is an essential part of every KABOOM! project and will make your application more competitive and will ultimately create a project that is more meaningful, dynamic and successful.

FAQs: <https://kaboom.org/grants/faq>

Contact Information: Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

To apply online: <https://apply.kaboom.org/>

To learn about available funding, please contact apply@kaboom.org.

For questions about the application process, please email grants@kaboom.org with "Creative Play Grants" in the subject line.

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URL for Full Text (RFP): <https://kaboom.org/grants/creative-play>

Geographic Focus:

USA: Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Arkansas; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New Mexico; New York City; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington, DC; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming;

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