

# Sparks | Our Small Grants Make Big Impacts

Small grants of \$3,000 or less to “SPARK” local communities into action have led to big changes at the local level.



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**The SPARKS Grant gave our community the opportunity to spark an idea that grew to include the whole community. The entire city now knows about the importance of inclusive accessible parks.**

- SPARKS participant

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**Oshkosh turned a \$3,000 grant into a \$300,000 accessible playground!**

## Communities best know what they need:

- Oshkosh used their grant to plan and build an accessible playground. Their effort which also received generous private and public support, resulted in a playground the whole community uses valued at nearly \$300,000! They now consult with other communities in the Midwest on how to build their own accessible park and the Oshkosh parks program has created inclusive programs and park options citywide.
- Waukesha's Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP) members living with disabilities made a video to educate the disability community about their voting rights and access to the polls.
- A group in Ozaukee County worked with the local community to increase the availability of accessible taxicabs in West Bend. They also extended service extended from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on weeknights and all day on Saturday.
- A group partnered with a local harvesting team at community-supported farms to create jobs for people with disabilities.

