

# 2020 **born learning** trail grants

## Purpose

The Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation's (GWCHF) mission is to inspire collaboration, mobilize resources and encourage innovation that measurably contributes to the wellbeing of our community.

TalkReadPlay With Your Child Every Day (TRP) is a community effort supporting parents in their role as their child's first teacher. To further the impact of TRP, GWCHF and Every Child Thrives are seeking communities to pilot an outdoor [Born Learning Trail](#).

Born Learning Trails are an evidence-based series of 10 interactive stations that offer fun, physical learning activities for young children and their families. The signs are to be installed by volunteers who are coordinated by grantees. These installation days are a great way to build a sense of community pride and belonging.

## Who Can Apply?

GWCHF provides grants to 501c3 non-profits and governmental agencies. We encourage collaborative proposals involving multiple agencies and community sectors; a 501c3 or governmental agency must serve as fiscal agent.

Grants are available to support communities served by the following school districts: DodgeLand, Hustisford, Ixonia, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Waterloo and Watertown.

## Maximum Grant Value

Two (2) Born Learning Trail Grants will be awarded. These grants will support up to \$3,500 to cover all project expenses, including:

1. Outdoor Trail Kits in either English, Spanish or both (Signs will be printed with the TalkReadPlay logo.)
2. Supplies needed for installation not included in kits, such as paint, posts and cement
3. Installation day refreshments for volunteers

## Key Dates and Deadlines

Applications Due	May 29 at Midnight
Grants Awards	Announced Late May
Trail Install	Summer 2020

## How to Apply

Complete the Born Learning Trail Grant application found in our [online grants management system](#), or visit the Grants Page of our website.

## Final Report Requirement

Grantees will be required to complete a final report within one year of installation day.

## Visit a Born Learning Trail

Interested in checking out a Born Learning Trail? Visit the [United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County](#) for a list of nearby trails.

## Questions?

We welcome your questions. Contact Andi Merfeld, Community Engagement and Grants Coordinator at [amerfeld@watertownhealthfoundation.com](mailto:amerfeld@watertownhealthfoundation.com) for more information.