

Takoma Park Independence Day Committee
Request for Proposals
2024 “Weird and Wonderful” Parade Entry Grants

Do you have an idea for something creative, artistic, funky, or otherwise awesome or unexpected to add to this year’s Takoma Park 4th of July parade?

Please apply for a grant to help your idea come to life!

The basics

Takoma Park’s 4th of July Parade is seeking new parade entries that embody and amplify the Parade’s “Weird and Wonderful” history. We are seeking proposals from anyone who has a new idea that would bring something creative, artistic, funky, or otherwise awesome or unexpected to this year’s parade. Interested? Please submit a brief 1-page summary of your idea by Tuesday, May 22 to be considered.

What we’ll provide

If your application is selected, we’ll provide you with up to \$500 for you to bring your parade entry idea to life.

Eligibility criteria

Who: you can be an individual or any kind of group – a group of friends, family, an organization, or anything else. You don’t need to live or work in Takoma Park. You cannot have participated in the parade before with this specific idea.

What: you must participate in the parade as a parade entry (“group”) executing the creative idea you propose. Your idea could be building something new or repurposing something existing. It could be a “float” or vehicle, or a group of folks walking, rolling, bicycling, or anything else. We’re open to your ideas!

Where & When: Takoma Park’s 4th of July Parade takes place on July 4, 2024 from 10:00am until 11:30am. You must be able to participate in the parade as a parade group at this time.

How to apply

Please email a 1-2 page informal proposal to us at contactus@takomapark4th.org by April 30, 2024. Your proposal should include:

- What you want to do or create
- Why you think it will add value and diversity to the parade
- Simple budget to show the costs of realizing your idea
- Who you’ll work with
- Any info that will help us feel confident that you can execute your vision (*e.g., list of primary areas of work and estimated time to complete them, partners or experts you will tap, relevant experience you bring, other financial support*)
- Any visuals you can add to help explain your proposal (optional but very helpful)

The details

The Committee will select chosen applicants and notify them by no later than May 24, 2024. Selection criteria will include creativity, uniqueness, and impact. The Committee reserves the right to select fewer or no applicants at its discretion.

Parade entries selected for Weird and Wonderful Grants will not be eligible to receive prizes.