



## Grant Programs

State-led grant programs can help fund projects that increase outdoor access. Examples include:

- Hawaii's No Child Left Inside Grant Program ([S.B. 2061](#)) was introduced in 2020 to award grants that promote Outdoor Education and Recreation programs.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz (D) -- *Passed Senate*
- California's School Pavement to Parks Grant Program ([A.B. 2031](#)) would provide school districts that serve low-income and disadvantaged communities to apply for funding to convert portions of existing pavement on school grounds to green space.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Laura Friedman (D) -- *Introduced*
- Illinois introduced the Outdoor Equity Grants Program ([H.B. 5469](#)), which would increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at State parks and other public lands. This is modeled after New Mexico's 2019 Outdoor Equity Fund ([S.B. 462](#)).  
**Sponsor:** Representative Sonya Harper (D); Representative William Davis (D) -- *Introduced*
- Ohio introduced [H.B. 643](#) in 2020, creating the Outdoor Rx and Outdoor Learning Grant Programs.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Stephanie Howse (D) -- *Introduced*



## Increasing Outdoor Access

- New York's [A8094](#), known as the Outdoor Rx Act, requires the division of veterans' services to review issues relating to veterans' abilities to access state parks, lands and facilities. This act would lower barriers for veterans to access New York State's scenic places.  
**Sponsor:** Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D) -- *Sent to Governor*
- Indiana legislators launched the bipartisan [Indiana Legislative Trails Caucus](#) in March 2020 in conjunction with [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy \(RTC\)](#) and the Indiana Greenways Foundation. Similar to other Midwestern trail networks, this group is committed to helping connect people and places through supporting improvements in existing trails and in smart planning for future transportation systems.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Carey Hamilton (D), Senator Dennis Kruse (R)



## Outdoor Wellness

- New Hampshire introduced [S.B. 504](#), a measure that would establish a committee to study the effectiveness of outdoor therapy as an alternative covered treatment for individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse disorders.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Martha Fuller Clark (D) -- *Introduced*
- Illinois introduced resolution [H.R. 0700](#), the "Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights" in 2020 to help promote children's access to the outdoors and avoid adverse social, psychological and environmental health impacts.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Sonya Harper (D); Representative Joyce Mason (D); Representative Katie Stuard (D); Representative Tony McCombie (R) -- *Introduced*