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## ***Greenfield proposal to buy new pairs of ice skates for free use in Konkel Park wins AARP Wisconsin grant***

**GREENFIELD, WI** – A proposal submitted by the City of Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department to purchase nearly two dozen new pairs of ice skates for free use at the Dan Jansen Family Fest Ice Rink in Konkel Park has been selected to receive an AARP Wisconsin “Small Dollar, Big Impact” grant.

Grants are being awarded each month throughout 2021 to projects across Wisconsin that are designed to improve communities and make them better places for everyone to live, work and play as they age. Judges selected this project for a \$1,000 grant after reviewing dozens of proposals submitted from all over the state.

“This project fits perfectly with the spirit and intent of the Small Dollar, Big Impact grant program,” said AARP Wisconsin Interim State Director Christina Fitzpatrick. “Our goal is to support communities as they make positive changes that inspire long-term progress on livable issues. This proposal hits that nail right on the head.”

The Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department opens a seasonal ice skating rink at Konkel Park that is free and open to everyone. Currently, all the skates that are rented free of charge at the ice rink have been donated to the city over the past couple years. Unfortunately, many of the skates have been used for several years prior to being donated and are starting to fall apart.

Recreation supervisor Mikayla Schwab, who applied for the grant, said the \$1,000 from AARP will enable the department to purchase about 20 pairs of new

ice skates in various sizes so that everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy free skating.

“We really do appreciate this grant. We thrive on making opportunities possible for all community members to come and enjoy free services like this,” Schwab said. “We’re very excited.”

Schwab said the department hopes to purchase the new skates as soon as possible so that people can start enjoying them immediately. For more information about the ice rink – including hours of operation – visit <http://www.ci.greenfield.wi.us/862/Ice-Skating>

AARP Wisconsin’s launched its “Small Dollar, Big Impact” grant program in 2020 and is now in its second year of helping proposed projects move forward in rural and urban parts of the state.

“We’ve seen how these small grants are making a huge impact around the State of Wisconsin. This grant will help the City of Greenfield provide fun and recreation for citizens of all ages,” said Amber Miller, Associate State Director of Community Outreach for AARP Wisconsin.

The grant program is open to some nonprofits and government entities. For more information on the program, visit [www.aarp.org/WIsdbi](http://www.aarp.org/WIsdbi)

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