

Responses to questions asked during the Pre-submittal Meetings

Question: Is there a copy of a template Chicago Park District concession contract to review before applying?

Answer: As a practice, we do not send out the agreement template prior to assessing if your business concept is conducive to being a concession in the Chicago parks. We encourage you to complete an application first.

Question: Is the Alfresco Dining Grant still available?

Answer: No, the Alfresco Dining Grant is not available this season. The grant was offered during the 2021 concession season.

Question: Are there any available demographics such as average daily or seasonal attendance that may be utilized for determining a proposed plan?

Answer: We encourage you to reach out to the park supervisors for specific park demographics and to research general demographic information about surrounding park neighborhood.

Question: Where do we find a complete list of parks?

Answer: A complete list of City of Chicago Park locations can be found on the Chicago Park District website at <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com>.

Question: Is Oak Street Beach and Ohio Street Beach available for watersports equipment rental?

Answer: Neither Oak Street Beach or Ohio Street Beach are currently available for new watersports equipment rental opportunities. We encourage you to investigate other far north and far south beaches.

Question: Where can I access the Notice of Availability (NOA)?

Answer: The NOA can be accessed at <https://www.parkconcession.com>.

Question: When will the Grant Park 9th Street Pickleball Project come out? Will concessions be available?

Answer: The Chicago Park District announced the addition of 50 new Pickleball courts to be built by 2025. If interested in concession opportunities at the Pickleball courts please apply through the NOA process and indicate Grant Park as the desired location.

Question: If you are making less than \$25,000, do you still need to fill out the financial worksheets?

Answer: If projected sales at your location will be \$20,000 or less, you do not need to complete a financial worksheet. Projected sales over \$20,000 require a financial work sheet to be completed.

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Question: Is the general fee structure the same for the “Pop-up” concept?

Answer: The fee structure is negotiated based on the concept, duration of time, investment costs and other factors. UCG will negotiate the fees after conducting an interview to understand your business idea.

Question: Can the process be expedited for winter “Pop-up” concept?

Answer: The process will be expedited for winter pop-ups. We encourage you to submit your application as early as possible and contact stephaniehatch@unison-ucg.com to let her know that you have submitted an application for a winter pop-up..

Question: Would it be feasible to apply to the Grant Park Plaza north and south location for water recreation to sell admission tickets?

Answer: We look for your creativity and unique ideas. A concessionaire can propose any concept that they would like at the Grant Park Plaza location as a pop-up.

Question: Any recommendations to get water recreation sports approved?

Answer: When recommending water recreation, the manager and staff should have previous experience with water recreation or water training. The concessionaire will also need to provide a Safety Plan that adheres to Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Park District and Coast Guard.

Question: What is the possibility of providing alcohol and beer at a concession location?

Answer: The vendor must apply for and receive a City of Chicago liquor license to sell liquor at an approved location. Lakefront and non-lakefront park locations will require a letter of approval from the Chicago Park District in order to apply for a City of Chicago Liquor License. The City of Chicago’s Lakefront Liquor Ordinance (LLO) specifies park locations on the lakefront where liquor can be served.