

## USA Archery and NCRPA Announce Grant Recipients

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – [USA Archery](#) recently announced a partnership with the [North Carolina Recreation and Park Association](#) (NCRPA) to support the expansion of target archery programming in parks and recreation departments statewide through the Explore Archery grant program. In an effort to grow archery at the community level, USA Archery helped secure generous grant donations of \$80,000 from the [Archery Trade Association](#) and [Easton Foundations](#).

The Explore Archery grant is intended to help local parks and recreation departments to start [Explore Archery](#) programs. Explore Archery is a fun, easy way to get started in archery. This short-term program is perfect whether participants are new to the sport of archery or a beginner archer looking for an introductory program. Explore Archery teaches important skills like range safety and proper shooting form and includes exciting games and the chance to earn achievement awards.

“NCRPA is excited to partner with USA Archery to offer local park and recreation agencies with the training and equipment necessary to offer the Explore Archery program in their communities” shared NCRPA Executive Director Michelle Wells. “Explore Archery can be a great addition to the programs already offered locally as it is for persons of all ages and abilities.”

USA Archery and NCRPA are excited to announce the following communities have been selected as grant recipients (pending signed acceptance letters from USA Archery):

- Alamance Parks (Alamance County Recreation & Parks)
- Asheville Parks and Recreation
- Avery County Parks and Recreation
- Cabarrus County Active Living and Parks Department
- Carteret County Parks and Recreation
- City of Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Parks and Recreation
- City of Greensboro- Parks and Recreation Department
- City of King Parks and Recreation
- City of Wilmington
- Fletcher Parks and Recreation
- High Point Parks and Recreation Department
- Iredell County Parks and Recreation
- Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department
- Lee County Parks and Recreation
- Madison Mayodan Recreation Commission
- Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation
- Town of Kernersville Parks and Recreation Department
- Town of Nashville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

**Selected communities are invited to send two staff members to a two-day instructor certification academy hosted by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department on November 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Attendees will become certified as a [USA Archery Level 2 Instructor](#) and qualified to teach the Explore Archery program, which includes options for one-day try archery programs, and multi-week instructional classes and camps. This ensures that participants of the programs are receiving a consistent, top quality introduction to the sport with an emphasis on safety, proper technique and fun. Additionally, grant recipients who attend the training will receive an equipment kit for their department and the Explore Archery curriculum and program materials, so they may offer archery as a new sport option for community members.

In addition, grant recipients will be provided information on additional grant opportunities and next level archery programs such as USA Archery's [Junior Olympic Archery Development Program](#), [Explore Bowfishing](#) and [Explore Bowhunting](#) Programs.

**Grantees will receive an official grant acceptance letter from USA Archery and information about the training at Chapel Hill. For more information contact [clubs@usarchery.org](mailto:clubs@usarchery.org).**