Advancing safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move.

AMERICA WALKS

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About Our Organization

America Walks is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to creating more walkable and livable places. We work with a diverse coalition of partners by sharing resources, providing technical assistance, and acting as a national voice for the thousands of passionate local, state, and national advocates. Now celebrating over 22 years, we continue to expand our advocacy and programming to position walking as a national priority.

Our Reach

America Walks’ reach extends to all 50 states and touches various locations outside the US. We are constantly exploring new ways to grow and engage our network.
While we may navigate space differently, everyone should have a full range of possibilities and choices available to them when experiencing place.” Juliette Rizzo, former Ms. Wheelchair America
Our Work

We provide programs to tens of thousands of walking advocates each year to improve their efforts in promoting and protecting walkability.

**Webinars and Trainings:** We host monthly webinars and other online trainings to share expert knowledge, valuable resources, and best practices that can be used in the work of advocates. These trainings help them create better sidewalk systems, make crossings safer, ensure that children can safely get to school, and revitalize downtowns so that foot traffic increases as well as merchant sales.

**National Walking Summit:** Every other year, we host the National Walking Summit. It is the premier opportunity for community advocates, nonprofit representatives, government officials, and transit, health, and planning professionals to share best practices and stories, increase the visibility of key issues, build support for the walking movement, and create momentum for the work ahead.

**Walking College:** The Walking College is an interactive, online educational program for walkable community advocates. Each year, Walking College Fellowships are awarded to community change agents working alone, in organizations, or in professions such as public health, planning, transportation, or education, who demonstrate a passion for making their communities more walkable and livable, and a vision for what that would look like.

**Advocacy:** We, along with our partners, work on developing and promoting campaigns that make walking a national priority. One of the highlights is when America Walks worked with the Surgeon General to release and promote a Call to Action on promoting Walking and Walkable Communities.

**Community Change Grants:** The Community Change Grant program provides funds that support grassroots efforts aimed at empowering communities to improve walkability. This program has supported everything from new art to improved way-finding, local events to school engagement projects.

**Expanding our Work:** In addition to fostering our network of local advocates, America Walks is exploring new opportunities for partnerships and engagement with different industries and sectors, including transit, environmental change, and inclusive communities.
The Walking College was an information-expanding experience that keeps propelling me to improve walkability/bikeability and encourage walking and biking for recreation and transit.”

Faye Paige Edwards, Walking College Fellow
Your Support

Thank you for considering sponsorship of America Walks! As a corporate sponsor, you are investing in safe and well-designed communities through education initiatives, advocacy efforts, and a successful series of annual programs. The sponsorship levels listed below can be customized to your organization.

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Note: These benefits are in effect for one year, which begins when your sponsorship support is received by America Walks.
Bonita McCay, Executive Director of Shoals Community Clinic said, "The Community Change Grant from America Walks gave our Walk Across Alabama participants what they needed to feel successful in their efforts, and we were able to double our participation from past years."
Another way to give is to directly sponsor one or more of America Walks’ impactful programs and publications. Contact us to discuss the right program sponsorship for your organization.

**Webinar**
$2,000
Foster meaningful conversation and help participants explore relevant issues by becoming a lead sponsor on one of our regular webinars.

**Community Change Micro Grant**
$2,000
Empower a local community to move a few steps closer to becoming truly walkable and accessible by sponsoring a micro grant.

**Walking College Fellow**
$5,000
Educate and inspire the future leaders of the walking movement by sponsoring a Walking College Fellow. *(up to 3 per calendar year)*

**Walking Champion Award**
$20,000
Sponsor a Walking Champion Award in the name of your organization to honor a leader or organization doing great work to advance the walking movement. *(1 per calendar year)*
One of the best panels I’ve ever witnessed - raw, honest, informational and with solutions discussed.” America Walks Walking Towards Justice webinar attendee
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