

Questions and Answers from the LWCF Grant Workshops

Q: Can the applicant's share of the project cost come from a federal grant?

A: No. You cannot mix multiple sources of federal funding in one project.

Q: Can a park that is a current recipient of a PARC grant receive a LWCF grant as well?

A: As long as the grant goes towards work that is not currently included in the PARC grant scope.

Q: Is a park that previously received a LWCF grant eligible for funding?

A: Yes.

Q: How much funding is available for this grant round?

A: Approximately \$2 million.

Q: Is land that will become a well site in the future eligible for funding?

A: No.

Q: What does the SCORP mean when it refers to "areas that are close to home for short visits"?

A: This refers to conservation and recreation areas that are easily accessible to many people by a short walk or drive where a visitor would stay for a shorter length of time, such as an hour, versus a full day.

Q: Are donations of cash eligible for reimbursement?

A: As long as they are donated directly to a community or state agency as the grantee must submit invoices and canceled municipal/state agency checks to be eligible for reimbursement.

Q: Are costs incurred prior to the execution of a contract eligible for reimbursement?

A: No.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of applications one community or state agency may file?

A: No, but EEA has the right to award only one per community.

Q: How does the fair fee policy work when residents are not charged a fee, but non-residents are?

A: Per the LWCF Manual, "Where there is no charge for residents, but a fee is charged to nonresidents, nonresident fees cannot exceed fees charged for residents at comparable state or local public facilities."

Q: Can a municipality apply for the development of trails on state-owned land?

A: No. The applicant must own the land that is subject to its application.

Q: Can you receive a grant to improve existing trails?

A: Yes, as long as the existing trail is currently unusable.

Q: The SCORP refers to “racially diverse neighborhoods”. Does this refer to Environmental Justice neighborhoods?

A: Yes.

Q: Can community gardens be built on both conservation and recreation properties?

A: Community gardens can definitely be built on recreation properties. As long as the community garden involves only minor construction, it may possibly be built on a conservation property. It's best to ask about a specific case, however.

Q: Can multiple parks be packaged into one application?

A: As long as it's work along the same theme, such as repaving tennis courts at multiple parks.

Q: Can a site be dedicated to both conservation and recreation?

A: No. The deed must dedicate the land to one purpose or another, not both.

Q: Are fire districts eligible for funding?

A: No.

Q: Is an application that is one phase of a multiple phase project eligible?

A: Yes.