

## **Questions and Answers from the LAND and PARC Grant Workshops**

**May 6 and 7, 2026**

**Could you clarify what you mean by ineligible goods or services under the PARC grant? For example, is playground equipment eligible?**

Playground equipment is eligible, but equipment and goods used for non-recreational purposes (such as security cameras or dog waste bags) are ineligible.

**For the PARC grant, the vote establishing the Park Commission is required, however, our town doesn't have a Park Commission. We have a dedicated Recreation Commission. Is it appropriate to upload a vote from the Recreation Commission?**

Yes. Submit the requisite page(s) of the town/city charter that establishes the commission that's authorized to maintain parks in your community with the vote.

**Does the PARC grant require we submit cost estimates? How do we go about obtaining these?**

The grant requires a site development plan, which should be done by a professional design firm. The plan will inform cost estimates. The firm hired to do the design work should also be able to develop cost estimates.

**How long does the Conservation Restriction review at DCS take, and how can we ensure that the Conservation Restriction will be reviewed in time to meet grant deadlines?**

The DCS CR review team is aware of all grant awards and the June grant deadline to record CR's. We ask applicants to submit the final draft CR to DCS for review by February of the FY in which the grant has been awarded to help ensure there is no concern with receiving secretary's signature and recording the CR in time to meet the grant deadline.

**What is the deadline for submitting Town Meeting and City Council votes to the grant manager?**

All successful LAND and PARC grantees must submit a successful vote by December 31, 2026.

**Can we request just construction funding for PARC grants? If so, how does that work?**

Yes. Your application will request \$0 in the first year of the grant budget (i.e. FY27) for design funding and whatever is necessary for construction funding in the second year of the grant budget (FY28).

**Is the acquisition of a CR an eligible PARC grant project?**

Yes, an application for the acquisition of land in fee or a CR is eligible.

**What is required of the LWCF inspection?**

The community will need to complete a LWCF inspection form; anyone that would like a list of LWCF funded properties in their community and/or a copy of the LWCF inspection form is welcome to [email Melissa Cryan](#) for that information.

**Would the protection under Article 97 for PARC funded projects prevent geothermal development under the park?**

This is a question to discuss with town or other counsel. Be in touch with Melissa Cryan, if you have specific details to discuss or questions after discussion with counsel.

**How competitive are the LAND and PARC grants? Should I apply if it appears that my project will rate well in certain areas?**

All applications are welcome, and we encourage eligible projects to apply. Grant awards do not require a minimum score; we cannot speak to how competitive a grant round will be until we have reviewed all applications and confirm FY 27 capital budget allocations.