

Questions and Answers from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Workshop
March 14, 2019

Question: Why has the maximum grant request been increased to \$1,000,000?

Answer: EEA is looking to fund a smaller number of larger projects.

Question: How much funding is available?

Answer: The total amount available depends upon the receipt of funds from Congress.

Question: Is construction supervision an eligible cost?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How about city staff time?

Answer: No.

Question: Can a PARC grant be awarded to the same project?

Answer: A PARC grant could be awarded for a future phase of work at the same park, but not for the same elements that will be completed through the LWCF grant.

Question: Are grant extensions allowed under LWCF?

Answer: It may be possible to extend a LWCF grant, but every effort should be made to submit a reasonable project schedule in which it may be completed.

Question: What are the goals of the LWCF grant program?

Answer: The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans.

Question: Is a Conservation Restriction required for land acquisition projects?

Answer: The National Park Service and EEA do not require a CR, but it may be needed depending on the local requirements, such as if Community Preservation Act funds are being used.

Question: Does the applicant have to own the parcel of land subject to the grant application?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can a municipal vote happen prior to the submission of a grant application?

Answer: Yes.

Question: If the project requires permits, must they be completed by the grant deadline?

Answer: No, but when permits are completed, they must be submitted to be included in the project file.

Question: Are costs that are incurred prior to the signing of a grant contract eligible for reimbursement?

Answer: No. Only work completed after a contract has been signed by the state is eligible for reimbursement.