

Tentative FY27 Land and Water Conservation Fund Work Plan

**There is a 12 to 16 month waiting period from application to awarded grant due to federal application processing requirements.*

APRIL 2027

Thursday, April 1, 2027

Monday, April 12, 2027

LWCF
Application
Open

LWCF
Application
Close

APRIL

April 13,
2027

April 14,
2027

April 30,
2027

May 3,
2027

Applications
are
reviewed by
Grant
Coordinator.

Applications are
released to LWCF
committee to be
reviewed and
ranked.

LWCF applications
are submitted back
to Grants
Coordinator and
compiled.

Final Scoring
Notification:
Submission of
final ranking
results and
review to board.

MAY - Submit the committee's recommendations to NDPRD Director for review and approval. Offer Title VI training and manual reviews by request if needed.

JUNE - Send out pre-award letters to notify applicants of grant status. Commence state environmental reviews and pre-site inspection of pre-awarded projects. **Note: State SOV review is a minimum of 30 days.*

JULY - Assess the responses of the state environmental reviews and send out notification packages to applicants. Grantees can follow up to obtain environmental/cultural approvals, clearances, and permits for the project.

AUGUST-DECEMBER - the NPS project lead assesses grant application packages while simultaneously starting the Section 106/Tribal Consultation review of the approved projects.

** Note: Federal Section 106/Tribal Consultation review is 30 to 120 days.*

JANUARY - MARCH - NPS will approve final Section 106/Tribal Consultation responses and request project submission into Grants.gov. A federal grant contract will be generated when the project and funds are approved.

APRIL – Prepare grant award agreements and issue notices to proceed.

Note: Once the grant agreement is signed by all parties, bidding and construction can begin. Expenses will **not be reimbursed before the start of the period of performance.*