FY22 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.

**JULY 2022**

July 1, 2022
LWCF Application Open
July 29, 2022
LWCF Application Close

**AUGUST**

August 1, 2022
Applications are reviewed by Grant Coordinator.
August 5, 2022
Applications are released to LWCF committee to be reviewed and ranked.
August 31, 2022
LWCF applications are submitted back to Grants Coordinator and complied.
September 5, 2022
Final Meeting: Final ranking results and review.

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

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

**DECEMBER** – The NPS project lead assesses grant application packages for submission. NPS also starts Section 106/Tribal Consultation review of the state approved projects. *Note: Federal Section 106/Tribal Consultation review is 30 to 120 days.

**JANUARY - APRIL** – 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.

**MAY – JULY 2023** – Prepare grant award agreements and issue notices to proceed. *Note: Once the grant agreement is signed by all parties, the project bidding and construction can begin. Project expenses cannot be submitted until grant agreement is issued and signed.