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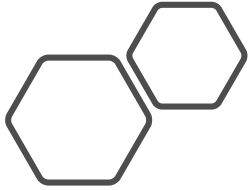


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WELCOME TO THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND WORKSHOP

- *Important things to know:*
 - Pre-Application was just released in October 2020.
 - Not Required to Apply Assessment of Project
 - IWCF Application will be released Monday, November 2, 2020.
 - Applications are due by Monday, November 30, at 5:00PM.



Important things to know...

Project applications on average have a 6 to 9 month lead time from application acceptance to notice to proceed.

The project cannot be already in the construction process or finished. NDPRD does pre-site inspections to make sure that the site is suitable for the project and the 6(f) Boundary requirements.



AGENDA

1:00PM– Land & Water Conservation Fund Overview

1:30PM– Break (1 Minute)

1:31PM– LWCF Grant Application Writing Workshop

2:00PM– Break (1 Minute)

2:01PM– The grant is awarded, now what!?!

2:30PM– Closing & Questions

- Feel free to stay after to place questions in the chat box!

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North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department Land & Water Conservation Fund Workshop

Date: 10/29/2020

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Location: 1600 East Century Avenue, Ste. 3, Bismarck, ND 58501
MS Teams Live Meeting

*This workshop will be livestreamed to the public through the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department – Land and Water Conservation Fund website and recorded for future use.

<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

1:00PM – Land & Water Conservation Fund Overview

During this session, we will give you an overview of the LWCF grant program for the state of North Dakota.

*Please list your questions in the chat box for discussion at the end of the presentation.

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2:01PM – The grant is awarded, now what!?!

- We will help navigate you through the processes after being awarded a grant. From start to finish, we will cover topics like project planning, bidding, construction to final inspection.

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Thank you!

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A wide-angle photograph of a baseball field. The infield is made of orange-brown dirt, while the outfield is green grass. White base lines and a pitcher's mound are visible. In the background, there's a chain-link fence, some trees, and a farm with silos under a cloudy sky.

WHAT IS THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sflnlobxpZ>

Land and Water Conservation Act was enacted Congress in 1964 to provide America with are dedicated for outdoor recreation purposes an the preservation of public land.

The legislation provided 50/50 matching grant each state and their political subdivisions for resource land acquisition & outdoor recreation facility development. The LWCF is administer the state level by the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department and federally by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service

WHO CAN APPLY?

The following entities are eligible and may apply:

- Cities, Counties, and Townships
- Park Boards and Park Districts
- Water Management Districts
- School Districts
- State and Federal Agencies
- Federally recognized Tribes



EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Sports Courts



Land Acquisition for Outdoor Recreation



Picnic Areas



Campgrounds



EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Swimming Pools



Comfort Stations



Golf Courses



Playgrounds



PAST FUNDED PROJECTS

2018

- Bismarck Park & Recreation District - Cottonwood Park Improvements
- Hatton Park District - City Park Rehab
- City of Park River Park District - Green Acres Complex
- Washburn School District 4 - Playground Improvement Project

2017:

- Bismarck Park District - New Generations Park Splash Pad and Building
- Beulah Park District - Lions Park Renovation
- NDPRD - Bodensteiner Acquisition
- NDPRD - Fort Stevenson State Park Campground
- Walsh County - Homme Dam Improvement

2016:

- Barnes County Park Board - Clausen Spring Park Improvements
- Bismarck Park District - Neighborhood Park Medora Avenue
- Crosby Park District - Sand Volleyball Court
- Devils Lake Park Board - Lakewood Beach Project
- Hillsboro Park District - Olsen Softball Complex Upgrades
- NDPRD - Fort Stevenson State Park Playground Equipment
- NDPRD - State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Planning (SCORP)
- New Salem Park District - North Park Renovation



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Legal Requirements:

Lands that receive federal assistance through the Land and Water Conservation Fund must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use in **perpetuity**. Grantees are required to submit a property boundary map identifying the encumbered area. Property within the project boundary may not be converted to any use other than outdoor recreation without prior approval from the NDPRD and National Park Service. The entire project site identified in the project agreement is subject to public law 88578 Section 6(F).

- Any converted property must be replaced by the local sponsor with the property of equal or greater recreational value and usefulness. NDPRD should be notified before any change in use.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Local sponsors must pay all project costs upfront and then request reimbursement. Partial reimbursement may be requested periodically. WCF grants reimburse up to 50% of the total project cost. Project sponsors will not be reimbursed for costs that are incurred before an application is approved and a local grant agreement is signed.

NOTE: A minimum total project cost of \$30,000 is required for consideration and project sponsors must have 50% of the total cost available at the time of application. The local share may include tax sources, bond issues, force account, donated labor, equipment, and materials.





RECAP OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The LWCF provides grants for outdoor recreation projects such as ball fields, pools, campgrounds, playgrounds, and land acquisitions for park development.
2. LWCF projects must be sponsored by political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota.
3. Project sponsors must have clear title to project lands (for 6(f) Boundary Requirements).
4. LWCF projects must be remain public outdoor recreation use in **perpetuity**.
5. Projects can not be in the process of being constructed or finished when applying. They are in planning phase only.
6. Local sponsors are required to pay all costs upfront. This is a 50/50 match requirement program where the match needs to be secured. Project sponsors will be reimbursed after the grant agreement is signed when project expenses are furnished.

GENERAL PRIORITIES ON PROJECTS

- The LWCF provides grants for outdoor recreation projects such as ball fields, pools, campgrounds, playgrounds, and land acquisitions for park development.
- Multiple Use Facilities
- Acquisition of Land for Outdoor Recreation
- Project Serves Multiple Age Groups or Interests
- Open and Accessible to the Public
- Barrier Free Act
- Title VI Compliant



LAND ACQUISITION

- Land purchase and/or donation sometimes combined with development of facilities.
 - Land must be *Yellow Book* appraised, following all state and federal guidelines.
 - Acquisition through donation from non-public sources may be used as a portion of the sponsor's share for development purposes.
 - The land must remain in non-public ownership until after project approval is obtained from the National Park Service.



BARRIER FREE ACT

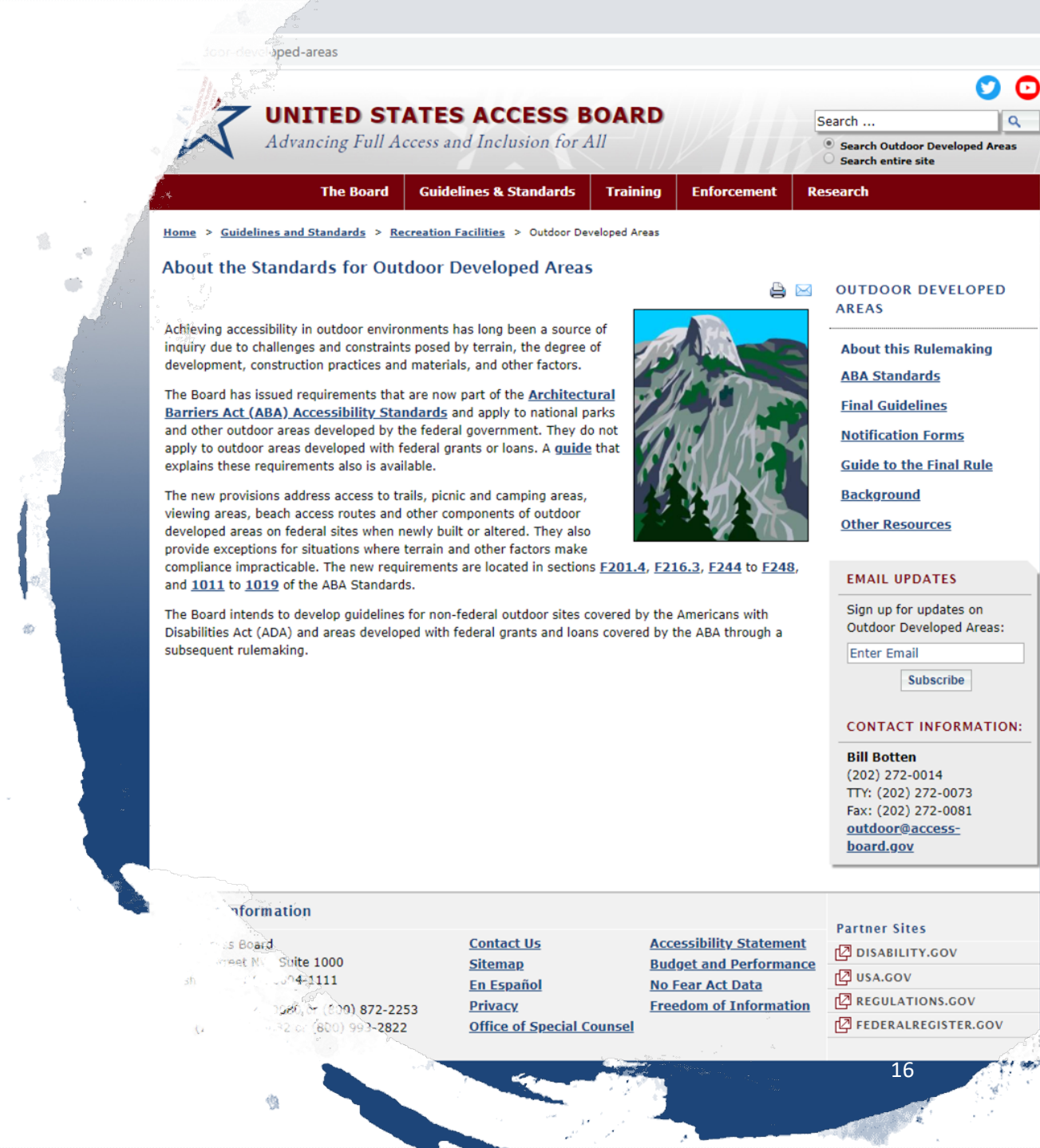
- All facilities must conform with the Architectural Barriers Act, ADA guidelines and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards or with Section 504 and the Minimum Guidelines and Requirements for Accessible Designs.
- **Section 504** is a part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination based upon disability. **Section 504** is an anti-discrimination, civil rights statute that requires that disability services are to be adequately addressed.



ACCESS BOARD

<https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoordevelopedareas>

This website is a great resource to figure out accessibility requirements for your project!

A screenshot of the United States Access Board website, specifically the page for "About the Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas". The website has a blue header with the board's name and tagline "Advancing Full Access and Inclusion for All". A navigation bar includes links for "The Board", "Guidelines & Standards", "Training", "Enforcement", and "Research". The main content area features a title "About the Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas" and a sub-header "Outdoor Developed Areas". The text explains that achieving accessibility in outdoor environments has long been a source of inquiry due to challenges posed by terrain, development, and materials. It states that the Board has issued requirements that are now part of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Standards, which apply to national parks and other outdoor areas developed by the federal government. A guide explaining these requirements is also available. The text further details that the new provisions address access to trails, picnic and camping areas, viewing areas, beach access routes, and other components of outdoor developed areas. It notes that the requirements are located in sections F201.4, F216.3, F244 to F248, and 1011 to 1019 of the ABA Standards. The Board intends to develop guidelines for non-federal outdoor sites covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and areas developed with federal grants and loans covered by the ABA through a subsequent rulemaking. On the right side, there is a sidebar with links for "About this Rulemaking", "ABA Standards", "Final Guidelines", "Notification Forms", "Guide to the Final Rule", "Background", and "Other Resources". Below this is an "EMAIL UPDATES" section with a sign-up form and a "Subscribe" button. At the bottom, there is a "CONTACT INFORMATION" section with the name "Bill Botten" and his contact details: (202) 272-0014, TTY: (202) 272-0073, Fax: (202) 272-0081, and email: outdoor@access-board.gov. A footer section contains links for "Information", "Contact Us", "Sitemap", "En Español", "Privacy", "Office of Special Counsel", "Accessibility Statement", "Budget and Performance", "No Fear Act Data", "Freedom of Information", and "Partner Sites" which includes links to DISABILITY.GOV, USA.GOV, REGULATIONS.GOV, and FEDERALREGISTER.GOV.

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Land and Water Conservation Fund

Land & Water Conservation Fund Workshop - January 28, 2020

[Workshop details](#)

Pre-application cycle: open January 3, 2020- closing January 17, 2020.

[Pre-application](#)

The pre-application is a new step in the grant process. It is not necessary to complete the pre-application in order to apply for the grant in the upcoming cycle; however, it is highly recommended. This pre-application is a tool to prepare grantees for the upcoming grant application. NDPRD will review all pre-applications and provide feedback to future applicants to help align expectations about the application and grant management.

Current Application Cycle: opening February 3, 2020 - closing February 28, 2020.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

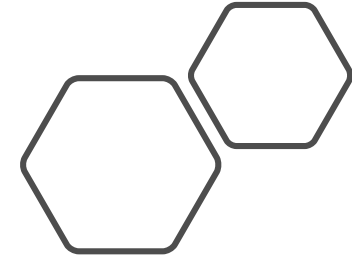
The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a 50/50 matching grant reimbursement program administered at the state level by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) and funded at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS). The LWCF provides grants for outdoor recreation projects such as ball fields, pools, campgrounds, playgrounds, and land acquisitions for park development.

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LWCF WEBSITE

<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

Please check out all the materials (including the LWCF Manual) in the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website before applying!

OTHER RESOURCES



New Generations Park - Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department

Application Funded Projects Resources

- Land & Water Conservation Fund: Manual
- 2018-2022 SCORP
- Reimbursement Form
- Force Account Time Sheet
- Donated Equipment Form
- Donated Material Form
- Donated Labor Form
 - North Dakota General Labor Rate
 - North Dakota Metro and Non-Metro Map

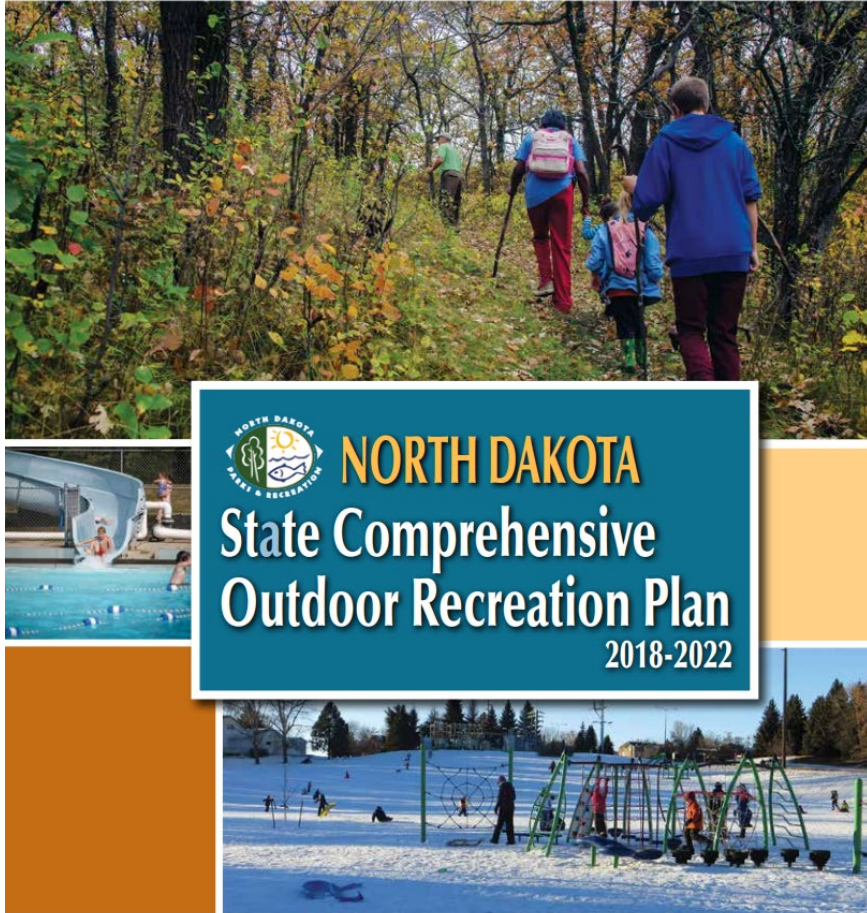
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SCORP– State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

This plan needs to be referenced in the application, so make sure that you read the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.



<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/sites/www/files/documents/Grant%20Pictures/SCORP%202018%202022%20General%20Res%20Web.pdf>

Land and Water
Conservation Fund
(LWCF)

Program Manual



Prepared for the FY2019 Grant Cycle: Revised 2/1/2020

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND MANUAL

This manual was written based off the National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund Manual to help grantees understand the program as it relates specifically to North Dakota.

RECAP: 8 STEPS TO APPLICATION PHASE

1. Plan Project
2. Submit Pre-application
3. Attend the Land & Water Conservation Fund Workshop
4. Submit Application
5. Do not start your project! The project can only be in planning phase only until you are awarded the LWCF grant and sign the agreement.
6. The applications will be under review for about a month, please contact the Grants Coordinator if you have any questions on the LWCF process.
7. Notification letters will be sent on behalf of your grant.
8. If awarded, do not start the project. NPS and NDPRD will conduct environmental and Section 106 reviews.

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QUESTIONS

Thank you!