

Land & Water Conservation Fund Overview

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Welcome to the Land & Water Conservation Fund Workshop



Land & Water Conservation Fund Pre-Application

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The following entities (only political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota with ownership of the project land) are eligible and may apply:

- Cities, counties, and townships
- Park boards and park districts
- School districts
- State agencies
- Water management districts
- Federally-recognized Indian tribes

General Information

Application Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
Project Sponsor: _____
Project Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Contact Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ County: _____
Daytime Phone Number: (701) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Project Information

Total Project Cost 100%: _____
Local Match 50%: _____
Amount Requested 50%: _____

* 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.

Important things to know:

- Pre-Application was just released January 3-17, 2020

** Not Required to Apply – Assessment of Project*

- LWCF Workshop – Tuesday, January 28, 2020
- LWCF Application – Monday, February 3 - 28, 2020

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



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

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Time: 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Location: 1600 East Century Avenue, Ste. 3, Bismarck, ND 58501
WSI Conference Board Room

1:00PM – Land & Water Conservation Fund Overview

- During this session, we will give you an overview of the LWCF grant program and the processes the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) takes on overseeing the application process.

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2:00PM – Title VI Compliance

- We will train future grantees on what needs to be done to become Title VI certified or to renew your certification.

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3:00PM – LWCF Grant Application Writing Workshop

- Bring a copy of those pre-applications!

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4:00PM – The grant is awarded, now what?!

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5:00PM – Closing and Questions

- Feel free to stay after to wrap-up the session with questions.

**Some snacks and refreshments will be provided throughout the day.*

Thank you for your participation in the LWCF grant process.

For more information, please contact the NDPRD at (701) 780-1234.

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Meet & Greet

Introduction

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Bathrooms: Feel free to leave whenever!

Snacks: Help Yourself

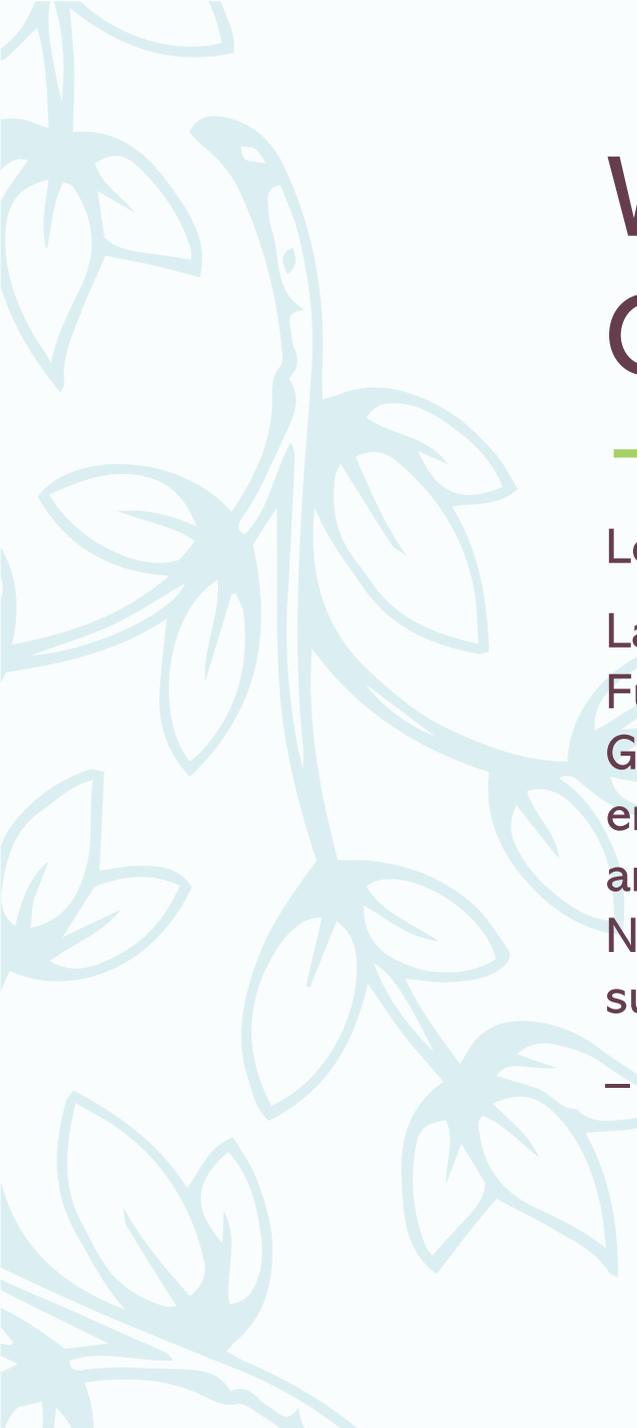
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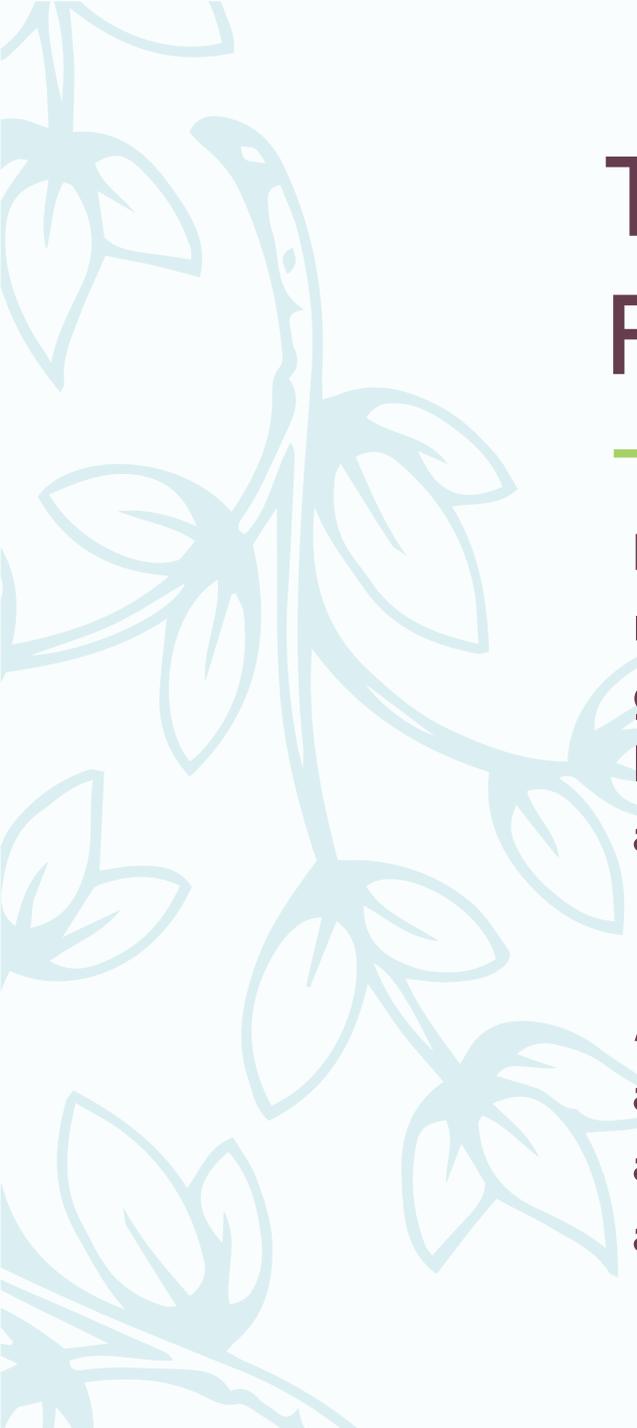


What is the Land & Water Conservation Fund?

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 88-578 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.



The Land & Water Conservation Fund

Local sponsors must pay all project costs upfront and then request reimbursement. Partial reimbursement may be requested periodically. LWCF 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.

Additional Information on Requirements

1. LWCF projects must be sponsored by political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota.
2. Project sponsors must have clear title to project lands.
3. LWCF projects must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use in **perpetuity**.



The Land & Water Conservation Fund

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



Examples of Eligible Projects

Sports Courts



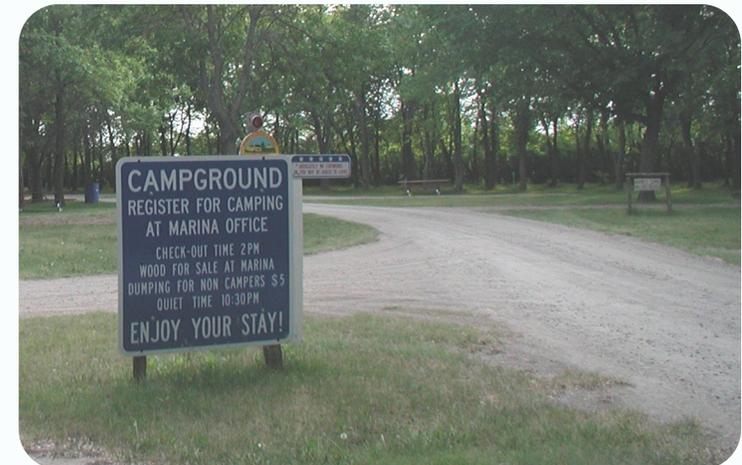
Picnic Areas



Land Acquisition for Outdoor Recreation



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 Springs 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

General Priorities on Projects



- Multiple Use Facilities
- Acquisition of Land for Outdoor Recreation
- Project Serves Multiple Age Groups or Interests
- Accessible to Everyone
 - 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.



Search ...

- Search Outdoor Developed Areas
- Search entire site

- The Board
- Guidelines & Standards**
- Training
- Enforcement
- Research

Home > Guidelines and Standards > Recreation Facilities > Outdoor Developed Areas

About the Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas

Achieving accessibility in outdoor environments has long been a source of inquiry due to challenges and constraints posed by terrain, the degree of development, construction practices and materials, and other factors.

The Board has issued requirements that are now part of the [Architectural Barriers Act \(ABA\) Accessibility Standards](#) and apply to national parks and other outdoor areas developed by the federal government. They do not apply to outdoor areas developed with federal grants or loans. A [guide](#) that explains these requirements also is available.

The new provisions address access to trails, picnic and camping areas, viewing areas, beach access routes and other components of outdoor developed areas on federal sites when newly built or altered. They also provide exceptions for situations where terrain and other factors make compliance impracticable. The new 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.



OUTDOOR DEVELOPED AREAS

About this Rulemaking

[ABA Standards](#)

[Final Guidelines](#)

[Notification Forms](#)

[Guide to the Final Rule](#)

[Background](#)

[Other Resources](#)

EMAIL UPDATES

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[DISABILITY.GOV](#)
[USA.GOV](#)
[REGULATIONS.GOV](#)
[FEDERALREGISTER.GOV](#)

Access Board

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

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

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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.

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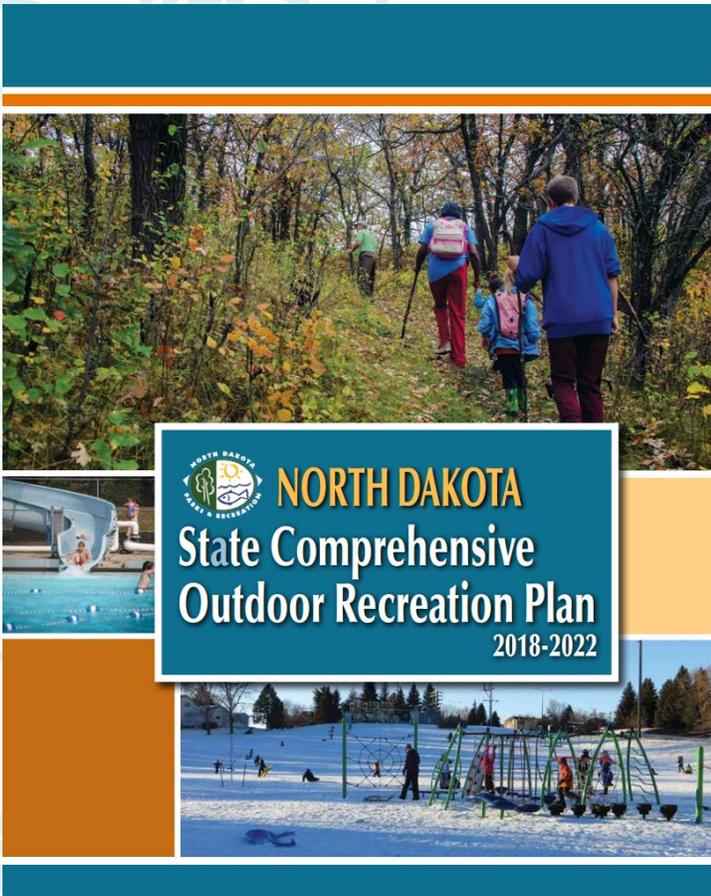
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Using the Website

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

Please check out all of the materials in the Grants portion of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website before applying.

SCORP – State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan



<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/sites/www/files/documents/Grant%20Pictures/SCORP%202018-2022%20General-Low%20Res%20Web.pdf>

These plans need to be referenced in the application!

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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Land and Water
Conservation Fund
(LWCF)

Program Manual



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

Land & Water Conservation Fund Manual

This 14 page manual was written based off of the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund Manual to help possible grantees understand the program as it relates specifically to North Dakota!



Quick Review

1. Plan the Project
2. Get Matching Funds Authorized
3. Submit Application
4. Get NPS Approval
5. Initial Clearances
6. Sign the Notice to Proceed/Project Agreement
7. Start your Project
8. Work Hard
9. Final Inspection
10. Celebrate!

Then Play!



Questions?

Please see your folders for Land and Water Conservation Fund materials and more!

