

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program - Quick Facts

- Program Title:** Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)
- Program Website:** <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRANTS/Pages/local.aspx>
- Program Purpose:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high-quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

In Perpetuity Requirement:

LWCF Act requires that the any park or other outdoor recreation area that has benefitted from assistance from the LWCF, whether for acquisition or development purposes, and regardless of the amount or extent of assistance, may not be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses (see Section 5(f) of P.L. 88-578 or [54 U.S.C. 200305\(f\)\(3\)](#)). The property must be preserved for outdoor recreation uses in perpetuity and cannot be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use without the written approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Program

- Administration:** LWCF is administered in the state by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
- Eligible Projects:** Property Acquisition, Development, Major Rehabilitation and/or Renovation, Acquisition & Development (combination)
- Eligible Applicants:**
- Oregon State Agencies: Parks and Recreation Dept., Dept. of Forestry, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and Dept. of State Lands
 - Cities, Counties, METRO, Park and Recreation Districts, Port Districts, Tribes
- Funding Source:**
- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues derived from leasing of oil and gas sites in coastal waters;
 - Sales of federal surplus real property;
 - A portion of federal motorboat fuel taxes;
 - Fees for recreation use of federal lands; and
 - GOMESA (Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Public Law 109-432 105 (a)(2)(B))
- Funding Type:** Reimbursement Grants
- Grant Amounts:** Minimum grant: **\$12,500 (\$25,000 total project costs)**. **No maximum** grant amounts.
- Matching Requirements:** LWCF provides up to **50 percent** funding assistance.

2020 Grant Cycle Schedule

- February 24** Applications available online
- March 3** Webinar workshop. Registration required.
- March 9** Live workshop in Salem. Registration required.
- April 13** Grant application deadline
- April** Grant technical review
- May (TBA)** Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee (OORC) review
- June (TBA)** Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission review
- July-forward** OPRD submits applications to National Park Service. Project agreements and Notice to Proceed Letters processed.