

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program – 2021 Quick Facts

Program Title: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)

Program Website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/Pages/GRA-lwcf.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 or facility 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 Department, Department of Forestry, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of State Lands
- Cities, Counties, Metropolitan Service Districts, Park and Recreation Districts, Port Districts, Federally recognized 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: **\$50,000 (\$100,000 total project costs)**, unless otherwise authorized by Oregon Parks and Recreation Director. No maximum grant amounts.

Matching Requirements: LWCF provides up to **50 percent** funding assistance.

Changes Effective for the 2021 LWCF Grant Cycle

- Minimum grant limit: The minimum federal share was changed from \$12,500 (\$25,000 total project costs) to **\$50,000 (\$100,000 total project costs)**, unless otherwise authorized by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Director.
- Oregon Administrative Rules in chapter 736, division 8 governing the LWCF Program were amended and the changes became effective June 25, 2021. The LWCF administrative rules can be viewed on the [Oregon Secretary of State website](#).
- There are two new scoring criteria that will be used to score and rank LWCF applications: Sustainability (0-5 points) and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (0-5 points). In addition, the total possible points for the Discretionary Committee Criteria has increased by 5 points. As a result of the added points, an LWCF application may earn a maximum of 115 points.
 - Sustainability means using, developing, protecting, and managing resources in a manner that enables people to meet current and future needs from the multiple perspectives of environmental, economic and community objectives.
 - Diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies direct organizations to address inequity in the communities they serve, ensure diverse representation in the planning and decision-making process, and promote welcoming environments for all visitors, employees, and volunteers.

2021 LWCF Grant Cycle Schedule

Grant application cycle begins	September 1, 2021
Webinar workshop online	September 10, 2021
Application due date	October 29, 2021
Grant application review (by staff and grant advisory committee)	Nov 2021-Feb 2022
Applicant presentations to grant advisory committee	TBA (Feb/March 2022)
OPRD Commission review of projects recommended for funding	TBA (April 2022)

The recommended applications will be submitted to the National Park Service for their review and approval in their next available funding opportunity.