

At a Glance

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

2018

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| Purpose | <p>Provide grants to acquire land and develop facilities for public outdoor recreation. Projects must be located within or serve jurisdictions with a population of 50,000 or more (2010 Census) and consist of a densely settled area. Projects also should be in or directly accessible to neighborhoods or communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources, and where there are significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged.</p> |
| | <p>“Underserved communities” are those with: 1) no existing parks; 2) some parks but not enough to support the population or satisfy existing recreational demand; or (3) some existing parks (potentially even an adequate number of parks) that are so deteriorated/obsolete or underdeveloped that redevelopment would significantly increase the number of people served or the types of recreational opportunities provided (in a way that could be equated to the impact of a new park).</p> |
| Who may apply? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities• Counties• Native American Tribes (federally recognized)• Special purpose districts• State agencies |
| Are there other eligibility requirements? | <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represent a jurisdiction of at least 50,000 people, AND• Be named as one of the 497 urbanized areas delineated by the 2010 Census Bureau OR be a jurisdiction that lies geographically within one of the delineated urbanized areas. |
| When are applications due? | <p>Pre-applications are due June 26, 2018. Complete applications must be submitted by July 17, 2018.</p> |
| Is a plan required? | <p>Yes, applicants need a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. The planning eligibility deadline was March 1, 2018. Check by organization type on this page to see if your plan is on file. Reference: Manual 2, Planning Policies and Guidelines.</p> |

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| What are the requirements for first-time applicants? | If you are a first-time applicant to RCO, submit a legal opinion to establish eligibility. |
| What types of projects are eligible? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development or renovation • Land acquisition • Combination (land acquisition and development or renovation) |
| What are the grant limits? | \$250,000 minimum to \$720,323 maximum |
| What must I contribute? | At least 50 percent of the total project cost |
| How do I apply? | Submit your application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) using PRISM Online . This program uses a written evaluation process, so you will be writing responses to evaluation criteria, and providing other written and visual materials for your application. |
| How will RCO select projects for the national competition? | The Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee will review and recommend projects using the federal evaluation criteria. Pending Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approval, RCO's director then will submit the top three proposals to the National Park Service. |
| How is my project evaluated? | A technical panel of National Park Service staff and a peer-based merit panel will review and evaluate the applications. |
| When are grants awarded? | About 12 to 18 months after applications are submitted. |