

At a Glance

Local Parks	
Purpose	The program provides grants to create or improve parks.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Special purpose districts
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development or renovation • Combination of acquisition and development or renovation
What are the grant limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition: \$1 million • Development: \$500,000 • Combination: \$1 million
What must the project sponsor contribute?	50 percent. See the match reduction policy for exceptions.
Is a plan required?	Applicant needs a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears in-person virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Changed the evaluation criteria to address priorities in RCO's equity review and state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. • Youth Athletic Facilities grants are no longer eligible for match. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

State Lands Development and Renovation

Purpose	The program provides grants to develop or renovate state recreation lands.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Department of Fish and Wildlife • State Department of Natural Resources
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	Development or renovation
What are the grant limits?	\$25,000-\$325,000
What must the project sponsor contribute?	No match required
Is a plan required?	Applicant needs a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee evaluates written application and score the projects.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

State Parks	
Purpose	The program provides grants to buy and develop state parks.
Who may apply?	State Parks and Recreation Commission
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development (renovation is not eligible) • Combination of acquisition and development
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	No match required
Is a plan required?	Applicant needs a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears in-person virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

Trails	
Purpose	The program provides grants to create or improve public trails open to pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Special purpose districts • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development or renovation • Combination of acquisition and development or renovation
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local governments: 50 percent. See the match reduction policy for exceptions. • State agencies: No match required.
Is a plan required?	Applicant needs a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears in-person virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Changed the evaluation criteria to address priorities in RCO's equity review and state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

Water Access

Purpose	The program provides grants to create or improve access to the water for nonmotorized boating and water-related recreation.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Special purpose districts • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development or renovation • Combination of acquisition and development or renovation
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local governments: 50 percent. See the match reduction policy for exceptions. • State agencies: No match required.
Is a plan required?	Applicant needs a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears in-person, virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Changed the evaluation criteria to address priorities in RCO's equity review and state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.