

At a Glance

Readiness and Recreation Initiative

Purpose

This program provides funding to enhance recreational opportunities near military installations. Grants may be used for an array of projects and facilities, such as sports fields, playgrounds, walking trails, and nature reserves, to benefit the public and military families alike. Projects **must do the following**:

- Include land acquisition.
- Be in a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Partnership Opportunity Area or Sentinel Landscape.
- Have a Letter of Support from a military installation or range commander.

Who may apply?

- Cities and towns
- Counties
- Federally recognized Native American Tribes
- Park and recreation districts
- Other special purpose districts, such as port and public utility districts, if legally authorized to acquire and develop public open space, habitat, or recreation facilities, and have a stated mission that includes acquiring, developing, owning and managing recreation areas
- State agencies

Is a plan required?

A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is due July 1, 2026. See *Manual 2: Planning Guidelines*.

When are applications due?

October 1, 2026

When are grants awarded?

May-June 2028 estimated

What types of projects are eligible?

- Acquisition
- Combination of acquisition and development

What are the grant limits?

- \$250,000 to \$2.88 million

How much match must the project sponsor contribute?

50 percent or 1:1 ratio

How is the project evaluated?

A national review panel evaluates written applications and scores the project.

What's new this year?

- Grants will be offered every year through 2030.
- Eligible project locations were updated, such that projects must be in a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Partnership Opportunity Area or Sentinel Landscape.
- The time to complete the acquisition in a combination project was extended to eighteen months.