

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) was established in 1965, and originally was authorized for a 25-year period. It has been extended for another 25 years until January 2015. Funds are provided to federal agencies and to states. The National Park service (NPS) and California State Parks administer the program.

Property acquired or developed under the program must be retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities
- Counties
- Districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

Acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2012

FUNDS AVAILABLE: California's allocation for fiscal year 2011 is approximately \$3.2 million. Approximately \$1.74 million is available for grants to local agencies: 60% for Southern California and 40% for Northern California.

MATCH REQUIREMENT:

50% grant – 50% match requirement. This is a reimbursement program. The applicant is expected to finance the entire project. Up to fifty percent of the project will be funded by the grant, less surcharge for administration.

METHOD OF ALLOCATION: Local agency funds are provided through a competitive selection process.

Note: A procedural guide can be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/> by following the "Grants and Bond Act" link or you may call (916) 653-7423 to receive a procedural guide by mail.