# Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program

## **APPROXIMATELY \$1,000,000 AVAILABLE**

The deadline for LWCF grant applications is March 10, 2017 4:00 pm.

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#### **How Much Is Available?**

For Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, approximately \$1,000,000 is available to Nevada's political subdivisions and Native American tribal governments.

#### Who is Eligible to Apply?

All political subdivisions within the state including counties, cities, towns, general improvement districts, and Native American tribal governments, which have legal authority to operate parks or provide recreation services, are potentially eligible for the 50:50 matching grants offered through the program. The local matches can consist of cash, in-kind labor, volunteer labor, and donated property, materials, or equipment.

#### What Types of Projects Are Eligible?

Financial assistance is available through the LWCF to provide most facilities necessary for the use and enjoyment of outdoor recreation areas. Both acquisition and development projects are

eligible. Funding of development proposals may cover construction, renovation, site planning, demolition, site preparation, and architectural/engineering services.

Examples of development projects include: sports & play fields, picnic facilities, trails, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing/hunting facilities, winter sports facilities, campgrounds, outdoor exhibits, spectator facilities, community gardens, major renovation or redevelopment of recreation facilities, provision of access to recreation facilities for persons with disabilities. The funds can also be utilized for recreation support facilities such as access roads, parking, walkways, restrooms, utilities, visitor or interpretive centers and pavilions.

# **How Are Projects Selected?**

Applications are scored by an Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with established criteria which can be found in the grant manual on State Parks website.

## **How Much Federal Assistance Can Be Requested?**

Funding request minimum is \$25,000 with no upper limit (to the amount of the total appropriation). Exceptions to the \$25,000 minimum rule will be considered for political subdivisions serving populations fewer than 10,000. Local matches can exceed 50%, but the federal share <u>cannot</u> exceed 50% of the total project amount.

#### How Do I Apply?

You may obtain a copy of the LWCF grant application on State Parks' website.

The deadline for the 2016-17 LWCF grant application is March 10, 2017 4:00 pm, no fax or emailed copies will be accepted. Evaluation and selection of projects will take place March-May with projects being awarded by June 1, 2017. The timely awarding of the grants is subject to the Federal Government spending bills and legislation.

Prospective applicants should contact Janice Keillor, Nevada Division of State Parks, with any questions regarding the program at (775) 684-2787 or jkeillor@parks.nv.gov.