

# Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Grants Program

## GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE IN FFY 2011

**239,874 AVAILABLE**

Program Administered  
In Nevada By:



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### What Amount of Funds Is Available?

For FY 2011, Congress approved an Interior Appropriations Bill that made available only \$239,874 to Nevada's political subdivisions and Native American tribal governments. Due to the national economic crisis, these funds were not made available until July of 2011. It is doubtful that there will be any funds allocated in 2012.

### 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 L&WCF to provide most facilities necessary for the use and enjoyment of outdoor recreation areas. 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?**

Political subdivision projects are scored by State Parks staff in accordance with established criteria which can be found in the grant manual on State Parks website.

The small amount of funds available to political subdivisions and tribal governments will limit the number of projects that can be funded. The Division of State Parks invites interested political subdivisions and tribes to submit one application each.

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

Funding requests should range between \$25,000 (\$50,000 total project budget with a 50% match) 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 under 10,000. Local matches can exceed 50%, but the federal share cannot exceed 50% of the total project amount.

### **How Do I Apply For a L&WCF Program Grant?**

You may obtain a copy of the L&WCF grant application package on State Parks' website at [www.parks.nv.gov/LWCF/grantmanual.htm](http://www.parks.nv.gov/LWCF/grantmanual.htm).

The Nevada Division of State Parks will also mail a hard copy of the application package to anyone who requests it. To obtain an application package hard copy, please complete the L&WCF Grant Application Package Request Form (located on back of L&WCF grant program announcement) and return it to the address indicated on the form.

The deadline for FFY 2011 L&WCF grant applications is October 1, 2011. Evaluation and selection of projects will take place in the fall and winter of 2011. Prospective applicants may contact Jenny Scanland, Nevada Division of State Parks with any questions regarding the program.



**Morrell Bike and Skateboard Park  
Completed 2010**

### **What Is The Land & Water Conservation Fund Program?**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897) was enacted "...to assist in preserving, developing and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of America...such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation...."

The L&WCF program provides 50:50 matching grants to States and through States to local governments and Native American tribes, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The federal funds for the program are derived primarily from Outer Continental Shelf oil revenues.

The L&WCF Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States for Outdoor Recreation purposes. This authority has largely been delegated to the Director of the National Park Service (NPS). In turn, the Regional Directors of the NPS are authorized to administer the program within their respective jurisdictions.

To qualify for financial assistance under the L&WCF program, each state must 1) designate an official to act as the State Liaison Officer (SLO) in dealing with the National Park Service; 2) designate an official to serve as the state's fiscal officer to receive and disburse federal funds; 3) prepare and maintain a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) acceptable to the National Park Service.

Since 1965, Nevada has met these qualifications. Under Nevada Revised Statute 407.205, the administrator of the Division of State Parks (or his designee) is designated the SLO and assigned the responsibility for accepting and disbursing funds, and preparing and maintaining the SCORP.