

# Land and Water Conservation Fund



## FACT SHEET

### Who may Apply?

- Local governments
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

### Types of Projects Funded

- Acquisition
- Development and renovation

### Funding

Funding comes from royalties for off-shore oil and gas drilling. The federal government distributes funding to states by a formula based on population and land area.

### Leveraging State Dollars

Grant recipients must provide at least 50 percent in matching resources.

### Outdoor Recreation Brings Money and Jobs to Washington

Outdoor recreation generates \$21.6 billion a year in spending on trips and equipment in Washington State and supports nearly 200,000 jobs.<sup>2</sup>

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## Investing in Washington's Outdoor Spaces

Having healthy, vibrant outdoor spaces plays a key role in ensuring that Washington remains a place where people want to live, where tourism thrives, and where businesses want to locate. Studies have shown that when cities have parks:<sup>1</sup>

- Land values increase.
- City revenues increase.
- Retirees and employees want to live and work nearby.
- Homebuyers are attracted to buy homes.

## Purpose

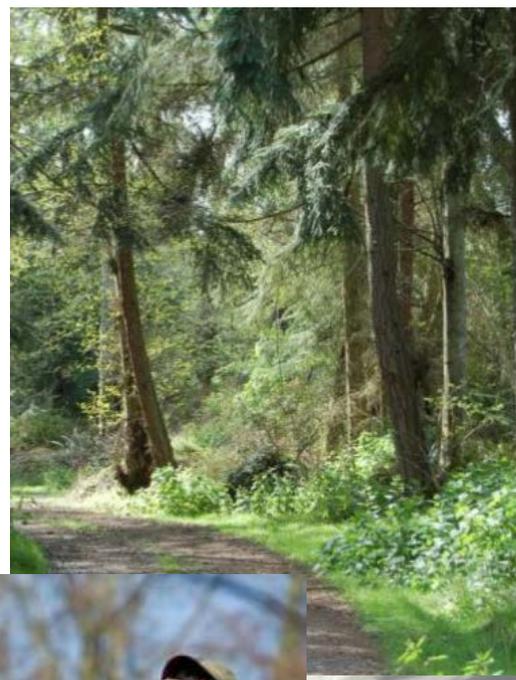
In 1965, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund to provide money to states for outdoor recreation areas.

Grants may be used to buy land and develop outdoor recreation facilities for the public, including parks and trails, and to conserve wildlife lands.

## Ensuring the Best Projects are Funded

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts grant applications in even-numbered years. The grant process is open and competitive. A citizen committee made of up experts in recreation and conservation issues evaluates applications on their technical merits, public-private partnerships, and how well they address the local needs and priorities as well as a statewide outdoor recreation plan. The committee scores projects and submits a ranked list to the board for consideration. The board submits approved projects to the National Park Service for funding.

The National Park Service is the federal agency that ultimately receives and approves all funding for projects submitted by states.



Island County used a \$138,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to help buy 670 acres of forest for a new county park on Whidbey Island.

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## INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

### Grant Recipients (1965-2015)

Aberdeen	King County	Skagit County
Airway Heights	Kirkland	Skamania County
Albion	Kitsap County	Snohomish
Algona	Klickitat County	Snohomish County
Anacortes	Lacey	Spokane
Arlington	Lake Stevens	Spokane County
Asotin County	Leavenworth	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Auburn	Lewis County	Stanwood
Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	Longview	Steilacoom
Battle Ground	Lynnwood	Sunnyside
Bellevue	Makah Tribe	Suquamish Tribe
Bellingham	Manson Parks and Recreation District	Swinomish Indian Tribe
Bothell	Marysville	Tacoma
Bremerton	Mason County	Tenino
Burien	Medical Lake	Thurston County
Camas	Metairie	Toppenish
Cashmere	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	Trout Lake School District
Cathlamet	Moses Lake	Tukwila
Chelan	Mossyrock	Tumwater
Chelan County	Mount Vernon	Union Gap
Cheney	Mountlake Terrace	University Place
Clallam County	Naches Parks and Recreation District	Vancouver
Clark County	Normandy Park	Warden
College Place	North Bend	Washougal
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Oakesdale	Wenatchee
Connell	Odessa	Westport
Cosmopolis	Okanogan	Whatcom County
Coulee City	Olympia	Whitman County
Covington	Omak	Woodinville
Cowlitz County	Onion Creek School District	Yakima
Curlew School District	Othello	Yakima County
Dayton	Pasco	
Des Moines	Pierce County	<b>State Organizations</b>
Duvall	Port Angeles	Department of Enterprise Services
Eastmont	Port of Kalama	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Edmonds	Port of Klickitat	Department of Natural Resources
Edmonds School District	Port Townsend	State Parks and Recreation Commission
Ellensburg	Poulsbo	University of Washington
Ellensburg School District	Prescott Park and Recreation District	
Elma	Pullman	
Ephrata	Puyallup	
Everett	Quincy	
Federal Way	Reardan School District	
Fife	Redmond	
Grandview	Renton	
Harrish	Richland	
Hoquiam	Ridgefield	
Ione	Rosalia	
Island County	Rudeen & Associates	
Issaquah	Seattle	
Kelso	Selah	
Kenmore	Shelton	
Kennewick	Shoreline	
Kent		

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<sup>1</sup>Megan Lewis, "How Cities Use Parks for Economic Development," American Planning Association, Chicago, IL, 2002, pp.1-4.

<sup>2</sup>Tania Briceno and Greg Schundler, "Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State," Earth Economics, Tacoma, WA, January 2015, pp. ix-x.