



Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides grants to buy land and develop outdoor facilities for the public, including parks, trails, and wildlife lands.

Accomplishments

Since beginning in 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has provided more than \$66 million for 543 projects in 38 of the state's 39 counties. Grantees have contributed more than \$56 million, bringing the total investment to more than \$122 million.

How are Projects Selected?

Grant applications are evaluated in an open, competitive process by a team of experts, with criteria developed by a citizen advisory committee. The committee evaluates the application on its technical merits,

public-private partnerships, and how well the project addresses the needs and priorities of a statewide comprehensive plan. The committee submits a ranked list to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for approval and forwarding to the National Park Service for review, approval, and funding.

Funding Information

Funding primarily comes from a portion of federal revenue from outer continental shelf mineral receipts.



Land and water conservation funding is distributed to the states based on a formula that considers population and land area. States must have a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan that identifies necessary and desirable outdoor recreation resources.



Skate and Playground Photos: Woodinville is using a 2002 LWCF grant of \$475,000 to develop its 18-acre Little Bear Creek Park with a skate park, children's playground, and other elements.

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Who Can Apply?

- Local governments, including special districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

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

Grant Recipients (1965-2007)

Aberdeen	Kelso
Airway Heights	Kenmore
Albion	Kennewick
Algona	Kent
Anacortes	King County
Arlington	Kirkland
Asotin County	Kitsap County
Auburn	Klickitat County
Bainbridge Island Park District	Lacey
Battle Ground	Leavenworth
Bellevue	Lewis County
Bellingham	Longview
Bothell	Lynnwood
Bremerton	Makah Tribe
Burien	Manson Park & Recreation District
Camas	Marysville
Cashmere	Mason County
Cathlamet	Medical Lake
Chelan	Metaline
Chelan County	Moses Lake
Cheney	Mount Vernon
Clark County	Mountlake Terrace
Clallam County	Naches Parks and Recreation District
College Place	North Bend
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Oakesdale
Connell	Odessa
Cosmopolis	Okanogan
Coulee City	Olympia
Cowlitz County	Omak
Curlew School District	Onion Creek School District
Dayton	Othello
Des Moines	Pasco
Duvall	Pierce County
Eastmont	Port of Friday Harbor
Edmonds	Port of Kalama
Ellensburg	Port of Klickitat
Elma	Port of Port Townsend
Ephrata	Port of South Whidbey Island
Everett	Poulsbo
Federal Way	Prescott Park and Recreation District
Fife	Pullman
Grandview	Puyallup
Harrah	Quincy
Hoquiam	
Ione	
Island County	
Issaquah	



The Washington Department of Natural Resources used a LWCF grant of \$36,000 to build a camp and picnic area along Dougan Creek in Skamania County.

Reardan School District	Trout Lake School District
Redmond	Tukwila
Renton	Tumwater
Richland	Union Gap
Ridgefield	University of Washington
Rosalia	University Place
Seattle	Vancouver
Selah	Warden
Shelton	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Shoreline	Washington Department of General Administration
Skagit County	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Skamania County	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Snohomish	Washougal
Snohomish County	Wenatchee
Spokane	Westport
Spokane County	Whatcom County
Spokane Tribe	Whitman County
Stanwood	Woodinville
Steilacoom	Yakima
Sunnyside	Yakima County
Suquamish Tribe	
Swinomish Tribe	
Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	
Tacoma	
Tenino	
Thurston County	
Toppenish	