

2012 Land & Water Conservation Fund Program Changes

Project Criteria Changes:

- \$100,000 minimum grant request (*maximum remains \$250,000 unless PRT determines statewide or regional significance qualifies a project for up to \$500,000*)
- Only 1 application request per eligible applicant and the project must be located in the applicant's legal jurisdiction. State and Federal applicants are exempt from the 1 request limit, but may not apply for more than one project per park/recreational area.
- Development projects must have sites of 10 contiguous acres or greater that will be placed under 6(f)(3) restrictions.
- Acquisition projects must be for sites of 20 contiguous acres or greater that will be placed under 6(f)(3) restrictions.
- Property must be owned outright by the applicant to be eligible for grant assistance. State and Federal projects may utilize leases of 25 years or longer, but only if the property is owned by the Federal Government or a FERC-regulated entity.
- A commitment of funds from a local government must be accompanied by a resolution from the city or county council. All other funds must be accompanied by a commitment letter from the funding source.

Eligible Applicant Criteria Changes:

- An applicant may not apply for an LWCF grant if they have an open LWCF grant. A State or Federal applicant may not apply for a park/recreational area that has an open LWCF grant.
- An applicant may not apply for an LWCF grant if they have any unresolved LWCF or RELT conversion issues.
- An applicant may not apply for an LWCF grant if they have outstanding fiscal or compliance issues with any RTP, RELT or PARD grant.

TENATIVE 2012 LWCF SCHEDULE

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| • Request for Letters of Intent (LOI) | February 1, 2012 |
| • Press Release | February 1, 2012 |
| • Deadline for Letters of Intent | March 1, 2012 (by 4:30 pm)* |
| • Grant Applications Emailed Out | March 12, 2012 |
| • Mandatory Application Workshop | March 19, 2012 |
| • Electronic & Paper Applications Due | June 11, 2012 (by 4:30 pm)* |
| • Application Reviews | June 12 - July 31, 2012 |
| • Notification of Recommended Projects | August 2012 |
| • National Park Service Approval of Projects | September 2012 |
| • Fiscal Briefing/Signed Grant Agreement | October - November 2012 |

**LOIs and paper applications must be received at SCPRT's office by the deadline date. Just being postmarked by the deadline is no longer acceptable.*