

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is this program?

This program is known as the National Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program. The purpose of this program is to provide new or significantly improve outdoor recreation opportunities for economically-disadvantaged communities in larger urbanized areas that are undeserved in terms of parks and other outdoor recreation resources. In Michigan, this program will be jointly administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the National Park Service.

### How much funding is available?

One Hundred and Fifty Million dollars is available nationwide this year for the entire Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Competitive Grant Program. The development recreation grants are capped at \$5 Million (but no less than \$300,000) per proposal.

### Who is eligible to apply?

State and local units of government and federally-recognized Indian tribes within or serving areas with populations of 50,000 or more people.

Do applicants need to have an approved 5-year recreation plan to be eligible?

Yes – applicants must have an approved 5-year recreation plan to be eligible to apply.

### Where can projects be located?

Only projects located in jurisdictions delineated by the Census Bureau for the 2010 Census as comprising densely settled territory that contains 50,000 or more people are eligible. The following jurisdictions meet this definition and projects located within these areas are considered eligible for funding:

Ann Arbor	Lansing	St. Clair Shores
Battle Creek	Livonia	Sterling Heights
Canton Charter Twp.	Macomb Twp.	Taylor
Clinton Charter Twp.	Novi	Troy
Dearborn Heights	Pontiac	Warren
Detroit	Rochester Hills	Waterford Charter Twp.
Farmington Hills	Royal Oak	West Bloomfield Charter Twp
Flint	Saginaw	Westland
Grand Rapids	Shelby Charter Twp.	Wyoming
Kalamazoo	Southfield	Ypsilanti Charter Twp.

## What projects are eligible?

Eligible projects that create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in Census-delineated Urbanized Areas. Priority will be given to projects located in communities that are economically disadvantaged and are underserved in terms of outdoor recreation resources

## Where does the funding come from?

The funds come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance Program as a result of a specific directive by Congress included in the Appropriations Bill.

## What is the match requirement?

The grants require a 1:1 (50%) match by the grant recipient. For example, a grant for \$500,000 will require the applicant to provide \$500,000 for a total project cost of \$1,000,000.

## What is the process?

Eligible applicants submit a paper application (this program is not included in MiGrants) for an eligible project by the deadline date to the DNR. The DNR reviews all applications and selects which projects to submit to the NPS for further consideration in the nationwide competition. A merit panel will review all applications submitted nationwide in coordination with the NPS, who will announce which projects were recommended for funding.

## What is the schedule?

Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, July 30, 2021 to be eligible for consideration.

For more information on this program go to: <http://www.grants.gov/>.

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program, please go to the [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants) under recreation grants click on the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program.

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## Questions?

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