



Subject Specific Grant Guide

TFG Parks and Recreation Grant Guide

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support parks and recreation projects. These opportunities prioritize evidence-based, cost-effective programs for parks and recreation infrastructure, development, and services. The grants chosen for inclusion in this guide are opportunities that are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2023 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help beginning farmers and ranchers in the U.S. and its territories enter and/or improve their success in farming, ranching, and management of non-industrial private forest lands. Funding will support projects that provide education, mentoring, and technical assistance to give beginning farmers the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations and enhance their sustainability. Eligible applicants are collaborative state, tribal, local, or regionally based networks or partnerships of qualified public and/or private entities, including state cooperative extension services, federal, state, municipal, or tribal agencies, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, colleges or universities, foundations maintained by a college or university, and private for-profit organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$24 million	45
2021	\$50 million	140

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$28 million
Award Range: Varies by project type
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: January 1, 2023
Proposal due: April 27, 2023

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/programs/beginning-farmer-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>



Awardee Profile

Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust, RI

YEAR: 2022

AMOUNT: \$593,462

This project aims to advance economic viability, small farm production skills, and social resilience for under-resourced and socially disadvantaged beginning farmers. With an innovative hybrid online and in-person farmer training course, as well as on-the-job training, this project addresses the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, the aging farmer population, and declining numbers of beginning farmers.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2023 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help beginning farmers and ranchers in the U.S. and its territories enter and/or improve their success in farming, ranching, and management of non-industrial private forest lands. Funding will support projects that provide education, mentoring, and technical assistance to give beginning farmers the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations and enhance their sustainability.

For the purposes of this program, the term farmer is used in the broadest sense and may be interpreted to include agricultural farmers, ranchers, and non-industrial private forest owners and managers. The target audience consists of farmers and ranchers who have not operated a farm or ranch before, or have operated a farm or ranch before, or have operated a farm or ranch for not more than ten years.

Applications will be accepted for the following three project types:

- Standard projects: supporting new and established local and regional training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers, with the primary goal of increasing the number of beginning farmers and ranchers and enhancing their success and sustainability by providing them and their families with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed decisions
- Educational team (ET) projects: enhancing beginning farmer efforts based on a particular topic, region, or audience, with projects complementing previously funded ETs as well as currently active ETs

Projects will be expected to conduct training and assistance for beginning farmers and ranchers that address one or more of the following topics:

- Basic livestock, forest management, and crop farming practices
- Innovative farm, ranch, and private, non-industrial forest land transfer and succession strategies
- Entrepreneurship and business training
- Technical assistance to help beginning farmers or ranchers acquire land from retiring farmers and ranchers
- Financial and risk management training, including the acquisition and management of agricultural credit
- Natural resource management and planning
- Diversification and marketing strategies
- Curriculum development
- Mentoring, apprenticeships, and internships
- Resources and referral

- Farm financial benchmarking
- Agricultural rehabilitation and vocational training for veteran farmers and ranchers
- Farm safety and awareness
- Food safety and recordkeeping
- Other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are collaborative state, tribal, local or regionally based networks or partnerships of qualified public and/or private entities, including:

- State cooperative extension services
- Federal, state, municipal, or tribal agencies
- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Junior and four-year colleges or universities
- Foundations maintained by a college or university
- Private for-profit organizations

Inclusion of beginning and/or non-beginning farmers and ranchers as part of the collaborative group is strongly encouraged.

Applications from partnerships and collaborations that are led by or include NGOs, CBOs, and school-based agricultural educational organizations (SAEOs) with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach will be given priority in funding.

Funding

In FY 2023, an anticipated \$28 million is available to support awards through this program. The number of awards, award amounts, and project periods will vary according to project type, as follows:

- Standard awards: an anticipated 45 awards annually for the following types of awards:
 - Large standard grants: awards of up to approximately \$250,000 per year for project periods of up to 36 months
 - Medium standard grants: awards of up to approximately \$175,000 per year for project periods of up to 36 months
 - Small standard grants: awards of up to approximately \$100,000 per year for project periods of up to 36 months
 - Simplified standard grants: awards of up to \$49,999 for project periods of up to one year
- Educational team (ET) projects: approximately two awards annually up to \$250,000 per year for project periods of up to 36 months

Project periods will begin on September 15. No-cost extensions of up to 12 months may be requested.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide 25 percent of the total award amount via cash or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may waive the matching funds requirement for an award if it determines that such a waiver or modification is necessary to effectively reach an underserved area or population.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	\$450 million	274
2020	\$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Application Due: Rolling

- Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding
- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

El Dorado County
Community Health Center
El Dorado County, CA

AMOUNT: \$18.5 million

YEAR: 2021

The El Dorado County Community Health Center received an \$18.5 million loan to build a medical facility for residents and workers in and around Placerville. The center is a key player in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in El Dorado County. It also provides medical, behavioral health, dental, pharmacy and substance misuse treatment services.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted-living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Other costs include reasonable and necessary fees for:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisors
- Environmental
- Archaeological
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring rights

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There will be no prepayment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan. Current interest rates, when available, can be found online at www.rd.usda.gov.

No more than 25 percent of the total floor space of the project may be used for an ineligible purpose.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2023 Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses. Supported projects should provide community benefits, including public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs. Public access is required for all projects. Eligible applicants are units of local governments; Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations; and non-profit organizations.

Program History

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total Funding, # of Awards. Rows for 2022 and 2021.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to \$600,00
Match: 50%
Solicitation date: March 10, 2023
Proposal due: March 31, 2023
https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program



Awardee Profile

Anchorage, Alaska – Potter Marsh Community Forest Project

YEAR: 2022

AWARD AMOUNT: \$600,000

The project supports recreation and traditional uses (including food and raw materials for craftspeople) for metropolitan Anchorage residents. Recreation on the project will support ongoing community efforts to address public health by giving access to a new trail network in a safe and accessible location for exercise.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2023 Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses. Supported projects should provide community benefits, including public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs. Public access is required for all projects. Acquired land must remain in a forested condition in perpetuity. Funding will support the establishment of community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land. Eligible lands must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least five acres in size
- Be suitable to sustain natural vegetation
- Be at least 75 percent forested
- Be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses
- Not be held in trust by the United States on behalf of any Indian tribe and not be tribal allotment lands
- Be offered for sale by a willing seller
- Land in Department of Defense (DoD) buffer zones is eligible for acquisition.

Applicants may apply for multiple tracts of land, even if multiple owners are involved. The acquisitions need not be simultaneous. Priority will be given to projects that maximize the delivery of community benefits, including:

- Economic benefits, such as timber and non-timber products
- Environmental benefits, including clean air and water, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources
- Benefits from forest-based experiential learning, including K-12 conservation education programs, vocational education programs in such disciplines as forestry and environmental science, traditional ecological knowledge, and environmental education through individual study or voluntary participation in programs offered by such organizations as 4-H, Boy or Girl Scouts, and Master Gardeners
- Benefits from serving as replicable models of effective forest stewardship for private landowners
- Recreational benefits, such as hiking, hunting, and fishing secured through public access

Award recipients must develop and periodically update a community forest plan and are encouraged to work with the applicable state forester or equivalent tribal government official for technical assistance when developing or updating the plan. Eligible costs include the purchase price, appraisals and appraisal reviews, land surveys, legal and closing costs, development of the community forest plan, and title examination.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are units of local governments; Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations; and non-profit organizations. Additional consideration will be given to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities.

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available for multiple awards of up to \$600,000 through this program.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Cost-share contributions must be accomplished within the award period. The purchase or donation of lands located within the community forest may be used as a match if the land is provided by an eligible entity and legally dedicated to perpetual land conservation consistent with the program's objectives.

Applicants may request that project due diligence costs, such as title review and appraisals, that were incurred up to one year prior to the issuance of the award, be counted toward the match. Some Department of Defense (DoD) funds may be used as matching contributions.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2023 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Grant Overview

This program develops, coordinates, and expands direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, and economic development corporations; regional farmers' market authorities; and tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$13,101,268	55
2021	\$38.5 million	88

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$15.4 million

Award Range: Varies by project category

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation Date: February 15, 2023

Proposal due: May 2, 2023

- Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>



Awardee Profile

City of Winslow, AZ

AMOUNT: \$490,693

YEAR: 2022

Through this project, the Mother Road Farmers Market in Winslow, Arizona, will: develop, coordinate, and expand local direct producer-to-consumer markets; increase access to locally grown agricultural products; and support small farms, new and beginning farmers, and/or underserved producers.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2023 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. This program focuses on:

- Supporting and promoting domestic direct producer-to-consumer marketing, such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, or online sales;
- Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products;
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food and value-added products;
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination and mid-tier value chain development;
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste;
- Responding to changing technology needs in direct producer-to-consumer marketing; and
- Covering expenses related to costs incurred in obtaining food safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

This program supports the following project types:

- Capacity-building (CB) projects: These projects are intended to assist applicants in the development, coordination, and expansion of domestic farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer market opportunities. The projects should demonstrate a direct benefit to farm and ranch operations serving local markets, and may include:
 - Development of tools, techniques, or practices that can be rapidly adopted by local agriculture markets, including those that provide direct financial support to a network of markets, or other relevant organizations
 - Market analysis and strategic planning for a direct producer-to-consumer market opportunity
 - Local farmer, rancher, or market manager training and education
 - Farmers' market, roadside stand, CSA, or agritourism, or online sales activity startup, operation, and/or expansion
 - Recruitment, outreach, and retention of new and beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as to consumers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets
 - Recruitment, outreach and retention of new and existing consumers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets
- Community development training and technical assistance (CTA) projects: These projects are intended to support applicants' efforts to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to farm and ranch operations serving local markets and other interested parties for developing, coordinating,

and expanding domestic farmers' markets and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. These projects should engage a diverse set of local and regional food stakeholders, including new, beginning, and underserved farmers and ranchers, to illustrate a substantive effect on the local and regional food system and may include:

- Development of tools, techniques, or practices that can be rapidly adopted by local agriculture markets
- Conducting statewide or regional farmer, rancher, or manager training to help them develop or maintain their own direct producer-to-consumer enterprise
- Assisting farmers and ranchers in advertising and promoting their locally and regionally produced agricultural products through training and technical assistance
- As part of a marketing and promotion project, promoting that a market accepts SNAP or other public benefits (such as WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program) to customers and how customers can use those programs at the market or with individual vendors
- Establishing or expanding producer-to-consumer networks and organizations on a state, regional, and national level, which includes efforts to develop sourcing channel using direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities with corporate, nonprofit, and institutional buyers
- Providing technical support for small and mid-sized producers to become compliant with authority specifications and standards to increase their direct market opportunities
- **Turnkey Marketing and Promotion:** These projects are intended to offer a streamlined approach to some of the most common FMPP grant activities related to the marketing and promotion of local and regional food projects. Applicants applying to the Turnkey Marketing and Promotion track agree to conduct specific activities defined by AMS that support the marketing and promotion of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 pre-defined activities listed below:
 - Identify and analyze new/improved market opportunities
 - Develop/revise a marketing plan
 - Design/purchase marketing and promotion media
 - Implement a marketing plan
 - Evaluate marketing and promotion activities.

Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts. To qualify for LI/LA priority consideration, the project's implementation address must be in a LI/LA census tract, as defined by the four major map layers on the [ERS Food Access Research Atlas](#).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, and economic development corporations; regional farmers' market authorities; and tribal governments.

Applicants must show evidence of existing community or industry support and engagement. Applications should demonstrate a commitment to engage potential project beneficiaries as active participants.

Previous award winners may apply again under this program if the award has already been closed out by the application due date.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$15.4 million is expected to be available to support an unspecified amount of awards through this program as follows:

- Capacity building (CB): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The project period is 36 months.
- Community development training and technical assistance (CTA): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The project period is 36 months.
- Turnkey Marketing and Promotion: an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The project period is 24 months.

Applicants must provide a match of 25 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. There is no competitive advantage for an applicant to provide a cost share or match that exceeds the required amount.

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2023 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

Grant Overview

This program funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, and accredited institutions of higher education; economic development corporations; regional farmers' market authorities; and tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$31,857,406	94

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$61,800,000
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation Date: February 14, 2023
Proposal due: May 2, 2023

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346116>



Awardee Profile

Lake County Community Development Corporation, CA

AMOUNT: \$491,701

YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to build capacity of the NW Food Hub Network in development of mid-tier value chains that build regional food system processing infrastructure and supply chain resiliency.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2023 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this project is to fund projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. The program focuses on:

- Supporting the processing, aggregation, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products that are marketed locally or regionally, including value-added agricultural products
- Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products
- Assisting with business development plans and feasibility studies
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food products and value-added agricultural products
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination and mid-tier value chain development
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste
- Responding to changing technology needs in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing
- Covering expenses to cost incurred in obtaining food safety certification related and improvements to food safety practices and equipment

This program supports the following project types:

Planning awards: Planning projects are used in the planning stages of developing, coordinating, or expanding a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Completing a feasibility study for a new intermediary food channel (i.e., food hub), to analyze market potential, capacity, and potential competitors, and partners in the region
- Hiring experts for technical assistance to implement a local/regional food transportation system
- Hiring experts for training on managing a local/regional food storage or processing facility
- Devising a business development plan associated with the processing/marketing of local/regional agricultural products, including value-added agricultural products

Implementation awards: Implementation projects are used to establish a new food business or to improve or expand an existing food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing or expanding food incubator programs or mid-tier value chains
- Connecting, cultivating, and strengthening relationships between local and regional producers and local and regional food businesses and consumer-facing markets

- Instituting group-based Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certification for sellers of food into institutional or wholesale marketing channels, including providing financial support for making changes and upgrades to practices and equipment to improve food safety
- Cultivating new wholesale market channels through an online portal or virtual marketplace
- Investigating and implementing more cost-effective means of transportation for food supply chains through backhaul, route optimization, and/or other operational efficiencies

Farm to Institution awards: Farm to Institution projects support the development, coordination, and expansion of institutional markets or institutional food service operations, such as pre-K through grade 12 schools, college, university, hospital, local government, tribal, and state cafeterias or meal programs, through local and regional producers and local and regional food enterprises that engage as intermediaries. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting aggregation, processing, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products by increasing the availability of local food products available on the menu of pre-K through grade 12 schools, college, university, hospital, and public dining facilities and hospital and local government, tribal, and state-operated or contracted meal programs (e.g., patient meals in hospitals, pre-K-12 school meals, senior meal programs, afterschool/summer meal programs, and meals programs in jails, detention centers, and prisons)
- Connecting, cultivating, and strengthening relationships between local and regional producers and local and regional food businesses that engage as intermediaries with local institutional markets
- Development of business plans and strategies for the inclusion and expansion of local food products, including value-added local agricultural products, in institutional settings and local and regional food system infrastructure in support of farm to institution
- Obtaining food safety certification and related improvements to food safety practices and equipment to meet institutional requirements

Turnkey Marketing and Promotion awards: Projects are intended to offer a streamlined approach to some of the most common LFPP grant activities related to the marketing and promotion of local and regional food projects. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 pre-defined activities listed below.

- Identify and analyze new/improved market opportunities.
- Develop/revise a marketing plan.
- Design/purchase marketing and promotion media.
- Implement a marketing plan.
- Evaluate marketing and promotion activities

Applications benefitting smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, or underserved communities are encouraged.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that benefit low income/low food access LI/LA. To receive priority consideration, the project's implementation address must be in a LI/LA census tract as defined by the four major map layers on the ERS Food Access Research Atlas found [here](#).

Engagement with partners and collaborators often strengthens LFPP projects. Regardless of whether there is a financial subcontract or subaward relationship, applicants must show evidence of existing community or industry support and engagement.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations; public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; regional farmers' markets authorities; and tribal governments.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$61.8 million is available to support awards through this program. Award size varies as follows:

- Planning Awards: awards range from \$25,000 to \$250,000
- Implementation and Farm to Institution Awards: awards range from \$100,000 to \$750,000
- Turnkey Marketing and Promotion Awards: awards range from \$50,000 to \$100,000

The period of performance for Planning and Turnkey Marketing and Promotion awards is 24 months and is anticipated to start 9/1/23.

The period of performance for Implementation and Farm to Institution awards is 36 months and is anticipated to start 9/1/23.

Applicants must provide a match of 25 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions.

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Environmental Education

FY 2021 Environmental Education Local Grants Program

Grant Overview

This program supports locally focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, non-commercial educational broadcasting entities, and Tribal education agencies, including schools and community colleges controlled by a Tribal entity.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2020	\$3.25 million	35

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$3 million

Award Range: \$50,000 - \$100,00

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: September 24, 2021

Proposal due: December 6, 2021

- Applications from minority-serving institutions are encouraged

<https://www.epa.gov/education/grants>



Awardee Profile

Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

AMOUNT: \$100,000

YEAR: 2020

This project received funding for Project Restoration Engineering for Perth Amboy to Impact Runoff (REPAIR). Project REPAIR will encourage participants to learn how to address water quality problems associated with combined stormwater and wastewater systems and their effects on coastal waters, human health, and the local community.

Department: Environmental Protection Agency

Agency: Office of Environmental Education

FY 2021 Environmental Education Local Grants Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support locally focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.

Projects must address at least one of the following education priorities:

- Community projects: increasing public understanding of the benefits of and participation in environmental stewardship through community collaboration on issues including climate change, water and soil quality, food waste management, management of ecosystem health, and/or local fire or flood prevention
- Career development: educating students of any age group and/or training their educators or community leaders on how to teach, in formal and non-formal settings, about environmental issues, solutions, and stewardship in order to encourage interest in gratifying careers in the environmental fields
- Environmental education capacity building: building the capacity of agencies and organizations to develop, deliver, and sustain comprehensive environmental education programs on a statewide basis
- Environmental justice: activities increasing public awareness and knowledge that disproportionate and adverse environmental, human health, climate-related, and other cumulative impacts are more likely to affect or have affected underserved communities

Community projects may take place in rural, suburban, and/or urban settings, in formal and non-formal educational contexts, and may use outdoor, place-based, experiential, services learning, and/or community-focused stewardship activities as primary teaching tools. Capacity-building projects may focus on one state, multiple states, or an entire region of the country.

In addition, projects must address at least one of the following environmental priorities, as well as one of the associated sample topics or other related environmental topics:

- Addressing climate change and improving air quality:
 - Educate students and community members about the impacts of climate change and explore local adaptation strategies that reduce vulnerability to the harmful impacts of climate change
 - Educate students and community members about the impacts of climate change and explore local mitigation strategies that reduce the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, especially in underserved communities
 - Address gaps between scientific and popular understanding of climate change and climate risk at the local level by exploring local environmental impacts of climate change

- Ensuring clean and safe water:
 - Prevent future water quality and human health issues through appropriate communications about the risks of poor water quality in local areas
 - Participate in the conservation of quality water resources
 - Manage nutrients in water systems by reducing the use of non-biodegradable products, pesticides, and/or nutrient runoff from soil
- Cleaning up communities by revitalizing land and preventing contamination:
 - Work to manage food waste for environmental benefits
 - Increase electronic recycling and other efforts to reduce plastic disposal in landfills
 - Educate individuals about human health and environmental risks associated with improper management of waste and the benefits associated with reducing trash, non-biodegradable products, and contaminants in waterways

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, non-commercial educational broadcasting entities, and Tribal education agencies, including schools and community colleges controlled by a Tribal entity.

Partnerships are not required. However, applicants are encouraged to work with partners to develop, design, and implement proposed projects.

Applicants with previous or currently active awards under this program may apply as long as the application is for a different project. Previously funded applicants through this program must propose a project that has not been previously awarded, or the applicant must demonstrate that it is expanding, building on, enhancing, or otherwise modifying a project previously funded through this program.

Applicants may submit more than one application under this program, as long as each application is for a different project and is separately submitted.

Funding

In FY 2021, approximately \$3,000,000 is available to support between 30 to 35 awards nationwide through this program. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The funding agency expects to fund three to four awards for each of the funding agency's ten regional offices.

All award recipients are required to award exactly 25 percent of their award to subrecipients that meet the eligibility criteria for this program through subawards of \$5,000 or less.

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions may include salaries, volunteer time, and/or supplies and materials.

The project period may last from one to two years. Projects may begin no earlier than July 1, 2022.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Eligible applicants are community groups and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies.

Program History

In 2021, the program assisted more than 350 communities across the United States to improve parks, establish trails, access rivers, and protect special places.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Match: Not required

Proposal due: March 1, 2024

- Applicants should discuss their proposed project and current application process with the appropriate [regional program manager](#)
- Rather than providing monetary funds, this program provides technical assistance from National Park Service staff.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>



Awardee Profile

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Tucson, AZ

YEAR: 2020

NPS-RTCA collaborated with the school and local partners on design concepts and infrastructure improvements for the Anza Cultural History Park. The park, which is centered around the historic Anza Expedition of 1776, features newly installed accessible amenities which assist all users in accessing the various recreational opportunities.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Projects typically fall under one of the following focus areas; however, the funding agency will consider other projects that fall outside of these focus areas:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners: develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- Support the funding agency and community networks: facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals

Examples of the types of assistance provided through this program include:

- Defining project vision and goals
- Inventory and mapping community resources
- Identifying and analyzing key issues and opportunities
- Engaging collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Designing community outreach and participation strategies
- Developing concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Setting priorities and building consensus
- Identifying funding strategies
- Developing a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Creating project management and strategic action plans
- Coaching teams, groups, and partnership networks

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, local, or federal government agencies, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and national parks.

Applicants must list key partners committed to the project and their anticipated role(s) and contribution in the application. National parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Project start dates will be coordinated with the funding agency. Assistance will be provided on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement with the funding agency.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants must detail any additional resources that will be contributed by the applicant organization in the application.

Contact Information

Interested applicants should reach out to the appropriate state program manager to discuss the proposed project and current application process. Contact information is available [here](#).

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

The project period may last from one to two years. Projects may begin no earlier than July 1, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions may include salaries, volunteer time, and/or supplies and materials.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Federal Lands to Parks Programs

Grant Overview

The Federal Lands to Parks Program helps to increase close-to-home recreation opportunities while reducing the federal government's inventory of real property by allowing states, counties, and communities to acquire federal land and buildings no longer needed by the federal government at no cost on condition they are protected for public parks and recreation. Eligible applicants are states, counties, municipalities, and similar state and local government entities.

Program History

Recent program history could not be found.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Rather than monetary awards this program provides surplus federal land

Match: Not required

Proposal due: Varies by [regional DOI office](#)

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- In their application, applicants must include need for the property; suitability of the property for park and recreational use; capability of applicant to operate and maintain the property; and proposed use of the property
- Past awards have supported the transformation of properties into community centers, neighborhood parks, town or city square, or regional or state parks

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Federal Lands to Park Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help increase close-to-home recreation opportunities while reducing the federal government's inventory of real property by allowing states, counties, and communities to acquire federal land and buildings no longer needed by the federal government at no cost on the condition that they are protected for public parks and recreation. Property acquired through this program must be used for public park and recreational use in perpetuity. The land may be developed for one or more recreational activities, or it may be used to support existing parks or recreation areas by providing parking or improved access.

Past awards have supported the transformation of properties into community centers, neighborhood parks, town or city squares, or regional or state parks. Typical recreational uses include hiking, biking, camping, picnicking, hunting, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, swimming, boating, tennis, golf, and organized sports. If appropriate, land may remain undeveloped for passive recreational use, such as bird watching, photography, or wildlife conservation. However, all land acquired through this program must be open to the public.

Surplus land will be provided by a variety of federal departments and may include military bases, Army Corps of Engineers water control projects, and former Army Reserve sites. Land can range in area, containing less than an acre to thousands of acres. Land may be located in rural or urban areas and consist of open space, forests, wetlands, lakes, or shorelines. Land may contain existing recreational facilities, such as athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, fitness centers, playgrounds, and swimming pools, or the land and its facilities may be abandoned and in need of repair or improvement before it can accommodate public uses.

Information regarding available property can be found online at <https://disposal.gsa.gov/s/>.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, counties, municipalities, and similar state and local government entities. The funding agency does not give preference to any particular level of government.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program conveys surplus federal land to communities, usually at no cost, for public park and recreational purposes.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants are responsible for the costs associated with preparing an application, including the preparation of relevant land surveys, title searches, and site development plans. Applicants must also commit the funds necessary to develop, operate, and

maintain the property for public park and recreational use in perpetuity, and to protect natural and cultural resources protected under related established federal laws in perpetuity.

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More information can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund: State and Local Assistance Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to present and future generations of U.S. citizens and visitors such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States. Eligible applicants are state lead agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$279,741,748	56

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: One-to-one match required

Solicitation date: March 15, 2023

Application Due: April 28, 2023

- Applicants must have a current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in place
- Entities interested in applying for an LWCF grant must contact their State's lead agency to find out details about the availability of funds, timing of grant process, State program priorities, funding criteria, etc.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm>



Awardee Profile

Springwater Corridor
Portland, OR

AMOUNT: \$3.35 million

YEAR: 2017

The funding will be used for Springwater Corridor trail system in Portland Oregon.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): State and Local Assistance Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to present and future generations of U.S. citizens and visitors such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

Funding will be provided for the following program components:

(Part A): State Planning: The purpose of the State Planning component is to assist states with developing or updating their statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) or its supporting elements. This component is intended to assure statewide coordination and planning for outdoor recreation resources. SCORPs are a required eligibility component of the Acquisition and Construction component of this program.

The goals of the SCORP and its planning process are to:

- Fulfill the purposes of the LWCF Act
- Provide each state the maximum opportunity and flexibility to develop and implement its plan
- Describe the role of the LWCF in the state's provision of outdoor recreation resources and the state's policies for use of its LWCF apportionment
- Provide a basis for determining each state's LWCF eligibility
- Ensure relevant, influential, and timely planning for the state's use of its LWCF apportionment

The SCORP must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Describe the process and methodology chosen by the state to meet the LWCF Act guidelines
- Include ample opportunity for public participation involving all segments of the state's population
- Be comprehensive, which, for the purposes of this program, is defined as:
 - Identifying outdoor recreation issues of statewide importance based upon input from the public participation program
 - Evaluating demand
 - Evaluating the supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities
- Have an implementation program that identifies the state's strategies, priorities, and actions for the obligation of the LWCF apportionment
- Contain or reference a wetlands priority component consistent with Section 303 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986

(Part B): Acquisition and Construction: The purpose of the Acquisition and Construction component is to acquire and/or develop lands for public outdoor recreation purposes. Funding will be provided to states, and through states to local units of government and Indian tribes, for projects that acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes, as well as develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.

Funding may support a wide range of outdoor recreation, such as:

- Community parks
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Campgrounds
- Trails
- Swimming pools
- Sports field
- Supporting infrastructure, such as roads/parking, trailheads, and restrooms, that support the use of the site

Proposed outdoor recreation areas and facilities must be publicly owned as well as open to the general public.

Projects must fall under one of the following categories:

- Acquisition projects: acquisition of land and waters or partial rights to them that provides public access
- Development projects: development of certain outdoor recreation activities and support facilities needed by the public for recreation use of an area
- Combination projects: projects that combine both acquisition and development elements

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state lead agencies for the LWCF. Eligible applicants may be located in the District of Columbia or the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The process for applying for a grant begins at the State or Territory level; entities interested in applying for an LWCF grant must contact their State's lead agency to find out details about the availability of funds, timing of grant process, State program priorities, funding criteria, etc. A list of agency contacts can be found at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm>.

Applicants must have a current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in place that assesses demand and need for outdoor recreation services and sets priorities for the use of program funds.

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program overall. Funding will be dispersed as follows:

(Part A): State Planning: An estimated \$1.5 million expected to be available to support approximately ten awards ranging from approximately \$25,000 to \$250,000 each through this component. The maximum award

amount is based upon a legislative formula and is limited to the lesser of 10 percent of the applicant's annual apportionment or \$250,000.

(Part B): Acquisition and Construction: An estimated \$150 million available to support awards ranging from approximately \$15,000 to \$8 million each through this component. Award amounts will be based upon a legislative formula and will typically average \$300,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

All applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (Part A - Acquisition and Development)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities to the public in urban, disadvantaged communities lacking access to walkable outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants are state lead agencies. Entities interested in applying for an LWCF grant must contact their State’s lead agency to find out details about the availability of funds, timing of grant process, State program priorities, funding criteria, etc.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$279,741,748	56

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: \$300,000 to \$15 million
Match: One-to-one match required
Solicitation date: November 8, 2023
Application Due: April 30, 2024

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm>



Awardee Profile

City of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

AMOUNT: \$375,225
YEAR: 2022

The funding will be used for the Bay View Park Playground Improvement Project in San Francisco.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund: Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (Part A - Acquisition and Development)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities to the public in urban, disadvantaged communities lacking access to walkable outdoor recreation. This program provides awards to states, and through states to local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes, for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities.

The purpose of the Acquisition and Development component is to support the acquisition or development of lands and facilities that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the general public. Projects must involve publicly owned land or the transfer of ownership by fee simple acquisition to a public entity. The project sponsor must possess sufficient legal title and control of the property to ensure that it can be managed and maintained for outdoor recreation in perpetuity and otherwise remain compliant with the conversion provisions of the LWCF Act.

Funding will support a wide range of outdoor recreation uses and the facilities needed to support the use and enjoyment of these areas, including:

- Community parks and campgrounds
- Sports fields and courts
- Picnic areas and tracks for walking or biking
- Water-based recreational facilities such as for swimming or boating
- Pools

Bonus points may be awarded during the application evaluation process to nature-based projects where nature is a major element of, or strongly supports, the proposed recreational activity. Additional consideration may also be given to projects that:

- Expand public-private partnerships to leverage matching share resources
- Provide economic benefits to the local community, such as short- or long-term jobs or stimulation to local business near the park
- Use sustainable designs/materials
- Include site features that consider the needs of all demographics
- Involve the redevelopment of a blighted or distressed property

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state lead agencies for the LWCF. The state lead agency may submit an application on behalf of themselves or another eligible subrecipient which may include:

- State agencies
- Local units of government and special purpose districts
- Federally recognized Indian tribes

Projects must be located within an incorporated city or town having a population of 30,000 or more in the 2020 Census and must be located within a community that is determined to be disadvantaged per the [Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool](#).

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$224 million is available to support an estimated 40 awards expected to range from \$300,000 to \$15 million through this program.

The announcement of selected projects is expected to occur on November 1, 2024. The anticipated award term is February 1, 2025, to February 28, 2027; however, depending on the negotiated project statement of work, award terms may run between two and three years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

All applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match.

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Open Project Selection Process (OPSP), if applicable; ensuring that proposals are consistent with outdoor recreation priorities outlined in the state's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. Matching contributions may be derived from state, local, non-governmental, or private sources.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Grant Overview

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Program History

In 2021, the program assisted more than 350 communities across the United States to improve parks, establish trails, access rivers, and protect special places.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Match: Not required

Proposal due: March 1, 2024

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- Rather than providing monetary funds, this program provides technical assistance from National Park Service staff.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>



Awardee Profile

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Tucson, AZ

YEAR: 2020

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Projects typically fall under one of the following focus areas; however, the funding agency will consider other projects that fall outside of these focus areas:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners: develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- Support the funding agency and community networks: facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals

Examples of the types of assistance provided through this program include:

- Defining project vision and goals
- Inventory and mapping community resources
- Identifying and analyzing key issues and opportunities
- Engaging collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Designing community outreach and participation strategies
- Developing concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Setting priorities and building consensus
- Identifying funding strategies
- Developing a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Creating project management and strategic action plans
- Coaching teams, groups, and partnership networks

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, local, or federal government agencies, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and national parks.

Applicants must list key partners committed to the project and their anticipated role(s) and contribution in the application. National parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Project start dates will be coordinated with the funding agency. Assistance will be provided on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement with the funding agency.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants must detail any additional resources that will be contributed by the applicant organization in the application.

Contact Information

Interested applicants should reach out to the appropriate state program manager to discuss the proposed project and current application process. Contact information is available [here](#).

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2024 Our Town Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support activities that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into local efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$3.9 million	51

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: \$25,000 - \$150,000

Match: One-to-one

Solicitation date: May 15, 2023

Proposal due: August 3, 2023

- The inclusion of additional partners is strongly encouraged

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town>



Awardee Profile

Art Students League of Denver
Denver, CO

AMOUNT: \$100,000

YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to support the training of low-income youth in job skills, urban design, and creative placemaking.

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2024 Our Town Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. Projects supported through this program will advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities, ultimately laying the groundwork for long-term systems change.

The funding agency will support a variety of projects across the country in rural, urban, and tribal communities of all sizes. The funding agency encourages projects that:

- Bring new attention to or elevate key community assets and issues, voices of residents, local history, or civic infrastructure
- Inject new or additional energy, resources, activity, people, or enthusiasm into a place, community issue, or local economy
- Envision new possibilities for a community or place, such as a new future, a new way of overcoming a challenge, or a new way of approaching problem-solving
- Connect communities, people, places, and economic opportunity via physical spaces or new relationships
- Honor traditions shaped by the lived experiences of a community's residents, such as music, dance, design, crafts, fashion, cuisine, and oral expression

Eligible project activities include:

- Artist residencies, arts festivals, community co-creation of art, performances, and public art
- Cultural planning, cultural district planning, creative asset mapping, and public art planning
- Artist/designer-facilitated community planning, design of artist spaces, design of cultural facilities, and public space design
- Creative business development and professional artist development

Funding will also support projects that seek to leverage creative placemaking and innovative partnerships in responding to evolving and emerging local community needs. These efforts may include support for artists and cultural organizations in addressing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, artist unemployment, and racial inequity.

Competitive projects will:

- Demonstrate a specific role for the arts, culture, and design to strengthen the local community
- Pilot new arts, culture, and design activities that are led by a diverse range of local partners
- Establish new or deepen existing cross-sector partnerships
- Advance inclusive community engagement and community-desired outcomes for a place
- Lay the groundwork for long-term systems change that sustains the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities over the long term
- Demonstrate alignment with the funding agency's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility

For FY 2024, the funding agency is particularly interested in arts, culture, or design projects that address health or well-being, transportation or infrastructure, or climate-related challenges within a community.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. Applications must be submitted by one organization and require one partner organization. The applicant/partner pair must include a nonprofit organization and a local government or quasi-government entity. The pair will provide leadership for the project. Additional partners across all sectors are strongly encouraged.

For U.S. territories where no local government exists, the territory government may serve as the local government. Local education agencies, school districts, and state and regional education agencies are eligible to apply, and local government-run community colleges are eligible to represent a local government entity they serve. If a single school is also a local education agency, as is the case with some charter schools, the school may apply with documentation that supports its status as a local education agency.

An organization may serve as the eligible applicant on up to two applications. Partnering organizations may serve as a partner on as many applications as they like.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000 through this program. The funding agency will issue very few awards at or above the \$100,000 level; these awards will only be issued for projects of significant scale and impact. The project period may last up to two years and may begin no earlier than July 1, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. In general, it is preferable that applicants provide some cash match, and the funding agency will look very carefully at projects showing largely in-kind contributions. Matching contributions may include contributions that are proposed but not yet committed at the time of application. Funds raised prior to the project may be used as a match; however, matching funds must be spent on eligible project activities during the proposed project period.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2023 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Eligible applicants are states and local governments, tribal governments and organizations, nonprofits, and educational institutions.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$ 2.65 million	50
2019	\$1.7 million	46

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$1.6 Million

Award Range: \$20,000 - \$50,000

Match: One-to-one

Proposal due: January 31, 2023

- Funding through this program is available nationwide; however, the amount of funding available will vary based on the geographic priorities and funder-specific recommendations

<https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Riparian Tree Planting in the Lake Pontchartrain Watershed

YEAR: 2021

This Project engaged 600 volunteers to plant 700 large, native trees in order to restore 457 acres of urban forest. The Project will mitigate stormwater runoff in the Lake Pontchartrain, enhance habitat for urban bird species, and increase the Pontchartrain Park community's access to nature.

Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2023 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by supporting diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Awards will support a variety of ecological improvements, along with targeted community outreach, education, and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; water quality monitoring; and/or green infrastructure best management practices for managing runoff.

Projects should increase access to the benefits of nature; reduce the impact of environmental hazards; and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach, and implementation. Projects must address at least one activity under each of the following program priorities:

- On-the-ground restoration: restoring and/or creating wetlands, green stormwater infrastructure, and coastal or riparian areas through such activities as:
 - Addressing key species and habitats and linking directly to established watershed and conservation plans
 - Addressing stressors through restoration techniques and green infrastructure practices that manage stormwater and rural runoff, or demonstrating the linkage between restoration and stormwater management and the quality, quantity, and safety of local water and waterways
 - Collecting and analyzing local waterway samples that could be used to determine the effectiveness of current stream/wetland restoration and green infrastructure efforts and inform planning and decisions
 - Developing/implementing trash and litter prevention programs designed to keep urban waterways and riverfronts clean
 - Developing public open spaces, creating or enhancing community parks, improving and protecting community tree canopy, and/or enhancing brownfield sites beyond required remediation
- Environmental outreach, education, and training: integrating meaningful outreach, education, and/or training into the proposed on-the-ground activities that advance local watershed and conservation goals through such activities as:
 - Engaging the public, particularly youth, in hands-on, outdoor conservation experiences
 - Engaging communities in restoration at public areas for public health and recreation
 - Establishing or advancing a citizen science or water quality monitoring program
 - Improving understanding of damaging trash and litter impacts in local waterways that affect community health and local economies
- Community partnerships: projects involving five or more partners, including the applicant, through such activities as:

- Directly engaging a diverse group of community partners to achieve ecological and specific educational outcomes
- Demonstrating that the project will advance existing local watershed or conservation plans and/or proposing to foster and coordinate a diverse stakeholder partnership that develops and/or implements new plans
- Identifying plans to provide training, partnership meetings, and presentations to build support for projects
- **Measurable results:** projects resulting in specific, measurable ecological, educational, and community benefits through such activities as:
 - Identifying measurable activities and metrics that clearly link to watershed and community outcomes
 - Documenting a high level of community engagement and understanding
- **Sustainability:** projects including a plan for maintenance and care beyond the project period through such activities as:
 - A commitment to community strength and long-term capacity to remain engaged as partners
 - Addressing any priority and/or at-risk species, habitats, or conservation actions identified in state wildlife action plans or other recovery or conservation plans
 - Directly connecting outcomes to community benefits of watershed restoration
 - Fulfilling or advancing priorities identified through local planning efforts
 - Developing restoration and stewardship approaches that contribute to pre- and post-disaster planning and resiliency of community water assets

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states and local governments, tribal governments and organizations, nonprofits, and educational institutions.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1,600,000 is available to support an estimated 40-50 awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 with an average award size of \$40,000.

Funding is available through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FedEx and Southern Company. The detailed list of funders below is provided to identify areas of the country where additional funds are available and provide information on any funder-specific recommendations that applicants should include in proposals:

- U.S. EPA Five Star Restoration Training Program – approximately \$225,000 is available nationwide in any sized community
- Urban Waters Federal Partnership, U.S. EPA and U.S.D.A. Forest Service – approximately \$300,000 is available, to improve urban water quality, restore riparian habitat and community forests, increase public access to urban waterways and make linkages to municipal flood mitigation and stormwater programs in developed watersheds throughout the United States. Funds are available nationwide for urban areas.

- U.S. FWS Urban Programs - approximately \$315,000 is available to fund projects that engage urban neighbors and foster a sense of stewardship where there are Service lands or offices nearby (within approximately 25+/- miles).
- Southern Company Five Star Restoration Program - approximately \$250,000 is available to support on-the ground wetland, riparian, in-stream or coastal habitat conservation and restoration projects in key areas served by its subsidiaries. Priority given to projects that address at-risk species and habitats; address watershed and federal recovery or state wildlife action plans and coordinate with those plan coordinators; and, engage the public – particularly youth – in hands-on, outdoor conservation experiences that build awareness of the importance of protecting and recovering priority species and habitats. In Georgia, projects that take actions to help remove streams from the 303(d) impaired streams in the Atlanta area will be given priority. Southern Company will support projects only in select states.
- FedEx – approximately \$415,000 is available to support projects in select metropolitan areas

Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions to be a competitive applicant. Matching contributions must be non-federal in nature and may include in-kind contributions of staff and volunteer time, work performed, materials and services donated, cash or other tangible contributions to the project objectives and outcomes. The cost of recent land acquisition or easement may also qualify as match for a project involving work at the acquired site. Applicants are highly encouraged to contact the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for assistance in determining what qualifies as in-kind or any other matching contribution.

Project periods should span 12 to 18 months with a start date in late summer/early fall 2023.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2023 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to advance pollinator conservation by protecting, conserving, and increasing habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators. The most competitive applications will demonstrate clear benefits to both the monarch butterfly and additional at-risk native insect pollinator species. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: technical assistance for private working lands and/or habitat improvement. Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, U.S. federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2020	\$1.7 million	13

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$2.7 million

Match: One-to-one match required

Proposal due: May 11, 2023 (Pre-Proposal), July 13, 2023 (Full Proposal)

- Priority will be given to projects that benefit the monarch butterfly and one or more federally listed, candidate, or proposed native insect pollinator species or state-listed species of greatest conservation need.

More information can be found [here](#).



Awardee Profile

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

YEAR: 2019

AMOUNT: \$99,996

The funding will be used to restore or enhance barrens, savannas, and grasslands in Wisconsin for Karner blue butterflies, Poweshiek skipperling, and rusty patched bumble bees through seed collections, interseeding, prescribed burning, invasive species control, and brush control.

Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2023 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to advance pollinator conservation by protecting, conserving, and increasing habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators. The most competitive applications will demonstrate clear benefits to both the monarch butterfly and additional at-risk native insect pollinator species. Projects must fall under one of the following categories:

Technical assistance for private working lands: Projects under this category will support the implementation of technical assistance to increase the number of private landowners engaged in monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation practices on working lands. Funding will primarily support the following strategies:

- Hiring additional staff or contractors, based on demonstrated need, including staff to assist landowners and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) with developing pollinator habitat management plans and implementation of new and existing NRCS financial assistance contracts
- Targeting outreach to landowners and other partners to prioritize, plan, and deliver financial assistance available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other Farm Bill programs to improve pollinator habitat and support at-risk species

Habitat improvement: Projects under this category support on-the-ground work to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of habitat for monarch butterflies and other native insect pollinators. Funding will primarily support the following strategies for either the eastern or western monarch butterfly population plus additional at-risk native insect pollinators:

- Restoring and enhancing habitat, with an emphasis on regionally appropriate milkweed and a diversity of nectar plants
- Increasing native seed and seedling supply, with an emphasis on improving the sustainability and affordability of regionally appropriate, local ecotypes

For habitat improvement projects, restoration work must focus on the following lands: federal, state, and tribal lands; right-of-way lands; agricultural lands, including land enrolled in Farm Bill programs; and lands west of the Rocky Mountains, or land adjacent to working lands, monarch butterfly overwintering sites, and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands.

All proposals must include Acres Restored or Acres Under Improved Management as one of the metrics. Proposals must include plans to restore or enhance a minimum of 100 acres in California or 500 acres in all other eligible states.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, U.S. federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Eligibility is limited to projects located in the following states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Priority will be given to projects that benefit the monarch butterfly and one or more federally listed, candidate, or proposed native insect pollinator species or state-listed species of greatest conservation need. For all projects that are west of the Rocky Mountains, priority will be given to projects on or adjacent to working lands, monarch butterfly overwintering sites, and USFS lands.

Funding

In FY 2023, up to \$2.7 million is expected to be available for grant awards. Funding availability and project duration varies by program category:

Technical assistance for private working lands: Up to \$600,000 is expected to be available for grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000. Funding will be awarded for projects up to three years in length following finalization of the grant agreement.

Habitat improvement: Up to \$2.1 million is expected to be available for grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Funding will be awarded for projects up to two years in length following finalization of the grant agreement.

Matching and Cost Sharing

For category 1 (Technical Assistance for Private Workings Lands), projects are required to provide at least a 1:1 match ratio with contributions from non-federal sources to be considered for funding. For category 2 (Habitat Improvement), matching funds are not required. However, the ratio of matching contributions offered to grant funding requested is one criterion considered during the review process, and projects that offer a 1:1 match ratio with contributions from non-federal sources will be more competitive.

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