

**Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Grant Program FY2010 Request: \$600,000**  
**Reference No: 32552**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide **Contact:** Leta Simons  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2015

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is a 50/50 matching grant program that provides federal funding to local and state governments for the development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. A portion of the funding is passed through to local government through a competitive grant process, and has previously helped to fund projects such as downhill ski areas, ADA compliant trails, neighborhood parks, sports fields, and rifle ranges. The state may use a portion of the funds for new facilities at park sites originally developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$600,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,350,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,350,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SLA2008/CH29	\$600,000	Active/On-going
SLA2007/CH30	\$1,250,000	Complete
SLA2006/CH82	\$1,000,000	Complete
SLA2005/CH3	\$1,500,000	Complete
SLA2004/CH159	\$1,250,000	Complete

**Project Description/Justification:**

The need for outdoor recreation facilities continues to grow with Alaska's population. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides an opportunity for local, regional or state applicants to receive up to 50% of the cost of projects that are important to the people that the recreation providers serve.

This federal grant program was established through the LWCF Act in 1965 to provide a nationwide legacy of high quality outdoor recreation. Projects such as downhill ski areas, ADA compliant trails, neighborhood parks, rifle ranges, sports fields, etc. have been funded in Alaska through LWCF. Projects located in Alaska's most urban areas and most rural have received LWCF assistance.

50% matching grants provide funding that can make the difference between build/no build for important outdoor recreation opportunities. These projects benefit the people of Alaska by providing both facility development and open space. Each development project provides short-term jobs for planning, construction and management during the construction phase as well as continued long term positive economic impact from the ongoing utilization of the park site.

**Why is this Project Needed Now?**

To meet the needs of Alaska's growing population, there is a need and desire for more outdoor and recreational facilities. This program will help provide current and future Alaskans with continuing opportunities to recreate in safe facilities.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Grants	\$ 600,000	primarily competitive grants

**Project Support:**

LWCF projects are currently located in approximately 60 communities throughout Alaska. These communities all benefit not only by the increased recreational opportunities created, but also by the financial investment associated with actual development at the site, and subsequent positive financial impact many of these facilities create by drawing users to the area. These communities and the multitude of individuals and groups that use the effected facilities support LWCF.