

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants

FY2001 Request: \$900,000
Reference No: 32552

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Nico Bus
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

LWCF is a 50/50 matching grant program that provides funding to state and local governmental entities for the acquisition and/or development of outdoor recreation areas. This program also provides match funding to the state for statewide outdoor recreation planning grants.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$900,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$18,400,000
Total:	\$900,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$18,400,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This 50/50 federal matching grant program was established through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCF) in 1965 to provide a nationwide legacy of high quality outdoor recreation. Projects ranging from wildlife viewing areas to neighborhood parks; from downhill ski areas to handicapped accessible trails; projects located in Alaska's most urban areas to our most rural have been funded through this program.

Project Description/Justification:

Description of Work to be done: Various outdoor recreation projects - dependent upon applications received. Grants ranging from wildlife viewing areas to neighborhood parks; from downhill ski areas to handicapped accessible trails; from urban areas to rural have been funded through this program.

Project Benefits: 50% matching grants provide crucial funding that can make the difference between build/no build and acquire/not acquire valuable outdoor recreation sites. These projects benefit the people of the State of Alaska by providing both facility development and open space in which recreate, view wildlife and protect natural resources. Projects range from close-to-home playgrounds to remote and undeveloped wildlife habitat.

Economic Development: Each development project provides short term jobs for planning, construction and management during the construction phase of the project as well as long term continued economic impact for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.

Projected Revenue to the State: This is a 50/50 matching grant program. Estimates for future years range as high as \$3.5 million per year in anticipated federal funding. Federal monies matched with applicant dollars could, therefore, reach \$7

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million per year in LWCF associated spending.

Project Support: LWCF projects are currently located in approximately 60 communities throughout the state - all of which benefit from prior LWCF spending. These communities, plus other governmental entities that would like to participate in the program support LWCF.

Project Opposition: None of which we are aware.

Specific Spending Detail: Various, dependent on applications. Spending is restricted to costs associated with the acquisition and/or development of outdoor recreation areas and open space.

Does this project leverage other funding for the state? Yes. LWCF matches the applicant's commitment dollar-for-dollar. The applicants share can be cash, in-kind or donations from agencies, businesses or individuals.

Alternative Approaches/Financing Considered: N/A

Project History: Since it's inception, LWCF has provided almost \$28 million dollars for 369 acquisition, development and planning projects located in approximately 60 communities across Alaska. Matched with sponsor monies, this translates to over \$56 million dollars of improvements throughout the state. These improvements positively impact the health and well being of our people, our natural resources and also provide both short term and long term employment opportunities.