

Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Grant Program FY2012 Request: \$3,000,000
Reference No: 32552

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Grant Program (LWCF) is a 50/50 matching grant program that provides funding for the development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. More than any other state in the union, Alaskans recreate outdoors. LWCF is consistent with DNR's mission in that it develops, conserves and maximizes Alaska's resources consistent with the public interest. New or rehabilitated projects increase the number of park visits, furthering a desired end result. Privatizing the management of a LWCF assisted site is consistent with LWCF policy, addressing a second desired end result. Program staff is responsible for monitoring compliance with LWCF regulations and policies.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2010/CH43 \$ 600.0 Grants are in the process of being awarded
 SLA2009/CH15 \$ 600.0 Complete – grants awarded
 SLA2008/CH29 \$ 600.0 Complete – grants awarded
 SLA2007/CH30 \$ 1,250.0 Complete – grants awarded
 SLA2006/CH82 \$ 1,000.0 Complete – grants awarded

To meet the growing outdoor recreation and open space needs of Alaskans, existing park facilities must be updated, new facilities developed and in some cases, property acquired to expand existing recreational opportunities.

Project Description/Justification:

The need for outdoor recreation facilities continues to grow with Alaska's population. 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 those 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 to our most rural have received LWCF assistance.

Fifty percent matching grants provide crucial 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 growing outdoor recreation and open space needs of Alaskans, existing park facilities must be updated, new facilities developed and in some cases, property acquired to expand existing recreational opportunities. This program will help provide current and future Alaskans continuing opportunities to recreate in safe facilities that meet their needs.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Grants	\$3,000,000	Grants to be awarded to municipalities, cities and boroughs throughout Alaska, also awarded to state agencies when appropriate.

State Match Required:

- NO
- YES

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.

Project Opposition:

None