

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:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) is a 50-50 matching grant program that provides funding for development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The matching funds are provided by the communities and this assistance often sets the course for a building scenario for important outdoor recreation opportunities. Traditionally, the State of Alaska uses half of its annual federal grant amount for state park projects, while the other half is granted out to local governments (cities, boroughs or tribes) to provide public outdoor recreation opportunities within their municipality.

Funding:	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$3,600,000
Total:	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$3,600,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P124 L26 SB160 \$600,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2011 P92 L19 SB46 \$3,000,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L6 SB230 \$600,000
 Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P15 L28 SB75 \$600,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P153 L19 SB221 \$600,000

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 national legacy of high quality outdoor recreation. Projects such as downhill ski areas, ADA compliant trails, neighborhood parks, rifle ranges, sport 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.

What was accomplished?:

- Currently holding an open competition for grant applicants with our federal FY2015 & FY2016 apportionments.
- Continue working with DOTPF and other agencies to process two ongoing conversions of LWCF protected properties
- Coordinated with multiple parties to resolve three older conversions
- Conducted surveys and coordinated updates for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Processed 15 grant agreements in cooperation with the National Park Service
- Researched and addressed more than 50 inquiries on potential conversions of sites
- Conducted compliance inspections on more than 50 LWCF-assisted sites
- Administered 15 active LWCF grants in communities as diverse as Metlakatla, Seldovia Bethel, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan.
- Held open competition grant round with federal FY2013 and FY2014 funds for local communities

Budget Detail:

Line Item	Amount
71000 - Personal Services	\$110,000
72000 - Travel	\$0.0
73000 - Services	\$0.0
74000 - Commodities	\$0.0
75000 - Capital Outlay	\$0.0
77000 - Grants	\$490,000
Total Project	\$600,000

PCNs:

All are existing positions in Anchorage
(10-5142) FT, Grants Administrator II