



eligible costs for developing or upgrading such areas or facilities.

This federal grant program was established by Congress under the LWCF Act of 1965 to provide a national legacy of high quality public outdoor recreation for current and future generations. In Alaska, LWCF-assisted projects include downhill ski areas, ADA compliant trails, neighborhood parks, rifle ranges, soccer and softball fields, skate parks, etc. Projects in urban areas (Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks) as well as remote areas (Bethel, Hoonah, Barrow) 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 project provides short-term jobs in planning, construction and management during the development phase, and long-term positive economic impacts with ongoing utilization of the park site. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) relies on this program to supplement its state capital funds for addressing deferred maintenance and new construction needs.

The majority of Alaska State Parks' facilities were originally developed from the 1970s through the 1990s and have seen minimal improvements over recent years. Park use, activities, facility standards, and public expectations have changed since and the facilities have not kept pace with those changes. The department will make improvements to select park units to include ADA accessibility upgrades; construction of vaulted toilets that require less maintenance; resurfacing roads and parking lots for dust control; modifying campground geometry to accommodate newer and larger camping equipment; replacing site signage for adequate traffic control and conveyance of important information to park users; and install park amenities required for supporting fee collection. DPOR is requesting Match funding for the following projects listed below in descending priority:

<b>Project Description – By Priority</b>	<b>Required Match for LWCF Grant</b>
Chena Pump State Recreation Site Facility Improvements This project consists of constructing a concrete vaulted toilet, replacing two picnic shelters, installing park furnishings, building-up and resurfacing roadways and parking areas, and installing site signage in support of improved accessibility, maintenance reduction, and fee collection.	\$362,000
Rocky Lake State Recreation Site Campground Improvements This project consists of rehabilitating the existing campground to accommodate newer/larger recreational vehicles, replacing dilapidated park furnishings, and replacing site signage.	\$150,000
North Fork Eagle River Trailhead Improvements This project consists of replacing an outdated toilet with a concrete vaulted toilet, resurfacing existing roads and parking areas, replacing dilapidated park furnishings, installing an orientation kiosk, and replacing site signage.	\$197,000
Refuge Cove State Recreation Site Parking Improvements, Phase I This project consists of reconfiguring a primitive parking area directly adjacent to a roadway to maximize capacity and	\$41,000

prevent encroachment onto the roadway. The project will also resurface the parking area to reduce future maintenance burdens.	
Total:	\$750,000

**What was accomplished?**

- Created and issued grant agreements for 14 new LWCF projects
- Conducted 2 grant rounds for LWCF projects and one grant round for The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (related to LWCF)
- Closed old LWCF grants; transitioned active projects into new online Automated Standard application for Payments and Grants.gov systems.
- Administered 24 active LWCF grants and two pending totaling roughly \$3.2 million.
- Progress made on two known conversions and several dozen inquiries
- Researched and made determinations on over 30 inquiries about potential conversions.
- Coordinated with National Park System (NPS), AK DOTPF, USDOT, contractors, and local grantees on projects daily.
- Managed and updated grant activity in Excel, Federal Subaward Reporting System, Grants.gov, NPS and Historic Preservation Fund online databases.

Grantee	Project Name	Federal Share \$	Grant Scope
City of Bethel	Pinky's Park Improvements	\$125,000	Develop high tunnel, boardwalk, trails, and multi-use field
Metlakatla Indian Community	Cedars Trail Extension	\$50,000	Extend trail from new housing area to Yellow Hill.
Fairbanks North Star Borough	Tanana Lakes Rec Area, IV	\$91,550	Install new play equipment, ADA and accessibility upgrades, etc.
Municipality of Anchorage	Duldida Park Upgrades	\$133,023	Install new play equipment, ADA upgrades and accessibility, safety surfacing, walkways, landscaping, etc.
Metlakatla Indian Community	Cedars Trail, Phase 2	\$37,485	Add 1.5 miles of trail to existing 4 miles of trail. Connect with other trails. Use raised board walk or gravel as necessary.
Municipality of Anchorage	Jewel Lake Playground	\$125,000	Add new play equipment, safety surfacing, seating, ADA and diverse disability equipment
City & Borough of	Crescent Harbor Playground	\$124,998	Add new play equipment,

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Sitka			safety surfacing, ADA and diverse disability equipment
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Grandstand Cover & Booth	\$107,100	Install grandstand cover & scorekeeper's booth at Drencey Dudley Ball Field
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Denali State Park Interp Trails	\$148,000	Add 1,800' of new trail, create outdoor amphitheater, install interpretive signage
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Matanuska Lake Campground	\$141,025	Convert overflow parking area into additional camping spaces.
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Captain Cook Shelter	\$22,500	Replace picnic shelter in Discovery Campground
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Eagle River Campground	\$124,175	Improve boat retrieval site; bank restoration; add fire place for use in group shelter
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Eagle River Nature Center Trailhead	\$157,150	Improve and increase parking at ERNC. Design for future expansion in this popular and highly used area.
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Esther Shea Grandstand Cover	\$99,999	Install grandstand cover & scorekeeper's booth at Esther Shea Track & Field
City of Homer	Homer Harbor: Ramp 2 Restroom	\$263,340	Replace bathroom facility near Ramp 2 on the Homer Spit.
Municipality of Anchorage	Folker Park Improvements	\$225,000	Upgrade park facilities: trails, lighting, fitness equipment.
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Anchor River SRA: Slidehole	\$400,000	Improve campsites, access road, parking, and other facilities.
Municipality of Anchorage	Chansthnu Muldoon Town Square Park (Pending)	\$750,000	Develop inclusive playground, comm garden, bike pump park, dog park and other amenities in Muldoon.
State of Alaska: Div of Parks	Rabbit Lake Trail Imps (pending)	\$40,000	Improve trailhead parking, upgrade trail.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,165,345</b>	

Line Item	Amount
1000 - Personal Services	\$175,000
2000 – Travel	\$40,000
3000 - Services	\$125,000
4000 - Commodities	\$5,000
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$1,140,000
7000 - Grants	\$765,000
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>

Project will partially fund existing positions:  
(10-5153) Engineer/Architect IV, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5045) Engineer/Architect I/II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5273) Engineer I/II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5056) Natural Resource Manager II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5128) Environmental Impact Analyst III, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5263) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5030) Engineering Assistant III, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5123) Engineering Assistant I/II/III, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5245) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5032) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5261) Natural Resource Specialist II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5250) Publication Specialist II, Full-time, Anchorage  
(10-5266) Publication Specialist I, Full-time, Anchorage