

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:** Cheri Lowenstein
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025 **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:	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$3,500,000						\$3,500,000
1003 G/F Match	\$900,000						\$900,000
1139 AHFC Div							\$0
Total:	\$4,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,400,000

<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"/> Ongoing
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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L16 SB23 \$600,000
 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

Project Description/Justification:

The need for public 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% reimbursement of 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, and skate parks. Projects in urban as well as remote areas (e.g., 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 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.

Accomplishments:

- Updated and published the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which allows Alaska to remain eligible for LWCF grants through the year 2021.
- Presented SCORP information at a national conference for outdoor rec professionals.
- Conducted two competitions for grant applications for federal 2016 and 2017 apportionments.
- Coordinated with multiple entities (NPS, DOTPF, Municipality of Anchorage, contractors, Realty Services, etc.) to resolve two older conversions and process ongoing conversions and inquiries on LWCF-protected properties.
- Managed 25 grant agreements in cooperation with the National Park Service (pending and new with recent close of latest grant round) in communities as diverse as Metlakatla, Bethel, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Ketchikan.
- Researched and addressed 30+ inquiries on potential conversions of LWCF-invested sites.
- Conducted compliance inspections and reported on more than 40 LWCF-assisted sites.
- Established “Temporary Non-Conforming Use” of two LWCF-assisted sites.

Current LWCF Grant Projects

Grantee	Project Name	Federal Share \$	Grant Scope
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Dudley Tennis Courts: Rehab	52,250	Resurface tennis courts and pedestrian walkway with asphalt. Improve existing perimeter drainage.
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	Cedars Trail, Phase 2	37,485	Add 1.5 miles of trail to

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Community			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.
State of Alaska: Div. of Parks	Chilkat State Campground Upgrade	60,000	Rehab campsites, campground roads, improve drainage.
State of Alaska: Div. of Parks	Izaak Walton Water Well	35,000	Replace water well in SRS in Kenai River Spec Mgmt. Area. Include signage about water safety.
State of Alaska: Div. of Parks	South Denali Trails	168,268	Develop several miles of new trails in South Denali State Park.
City & Borough of Sitka	Crescent Harbor Playground	124,998	Add new play equipment, 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.
Total		1,702,524	

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Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$110,000
2000 - Travel	
3000 - Contractual	
4000 - Commodities	
5000 – Capital Outlay	
7000 - Grants	\$490,000
Total Request	\$600,000

Existing position in Anchorage:
(10-5142) FT, Grants Administrator II