

Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Parks and Recreation Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	$450 million	274
2020	$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Application Due: Rolling

- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

Awardee Profile

Irving Tanning Community Center Inc.
Hartland, ME

AMOUNT: $238,000
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to make critical infrastructure repairs to the community center, including replacing the structure's 25-year-old roof and improving the heating system.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas must have no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Funds may also be used to pay reasonable and necessary fees, when part of a facility, such as:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisory
- Environmental impact analyses
- Archaeological surveys
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring right

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There are no pre-payment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community. Applicants are encouraged to contact the funding agency for details and current rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan.

Matching and Cost-Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2025 Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses. Supported projects should provide community benefits, including public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs. Public access is required for all projects. Eligible applicants are units of local governments; Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations; and non-profit organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$5.9 million	13
2022	$5.5 million	11
2021	$3.935 million	10

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to $600,00
Match: 50%
Solicitation date: October 24, 2024
Proposal due: January 13, 2025

https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program

Awardee Profile

Marshall Community Forest and Mountain Park, Missoula County, Montana
YEAR: 2023
AWARD AMOUNT: $600,000

The project will construct approximately 8 miles of additional trails and two trail heads to connect the entire project area including a 1.5 mile 'learning loop trail, a creek-side outdoor classroom, and a native plant demonstration area to accommodate school field trips.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2025 Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses. Supported projects should provide community benefits, including public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs. Public access is required for all projects. Acquired land must remain in a forested condition in perpetuity. Funding will support the establishment of community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land. Eligible lands must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least five acres in size
- Be suitable to sustain natural vegetation
- Be at least 75 percent forested
- Be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses
- Not be held in trust by the United States on behalf of any Indian tribe and not be tribal allotment lands
- Be offered for sale by a willing seller

Priority will be given to projects that maximize the delivery of community benefits, including:

- Economic benefits, such as timber and non-timber products
- Environmental benefits, including clean air and water, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources
- Benefits from forest-based experiential learning, including K-12 conservation education programs, vocational education programs in such disciplines as forestry and environmental science, traditional ecological knowledge, and environmental education through individual study or voluntary participation in programs offered by such organizations as 4-H, Boy or Girl Scouts, and Master Gardeners
- Benefits from serving as replicable models of effective forest stewardship for private landowners
- Recreational benefits, such as hiking, hunting, and fishing secured through public access

Award recipients must develop a community forest plan and are encouraged to work with the applicable state forester or equivalent tribal government official for technical assistance when developing the plan. Eligible costs include the purchase price, appraisals and appraisal reviews, land surveys, legal and closing costs, development of the community forest plan, and title examination.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are units of local governments; Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations; and non-profit organizations. Additional consideration will be given to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities. A proposed project cannot be submitted for funding consideration simultaneously for both the Community Forest Program and the Forest Legacy Program.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available for multiple awards of up to $600,000 through this program.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Cost-share contributions must be accomplished within the award period. The purchase or donation of lands located within the community forest may be used as a match if the land is provided by an eligible entity and legally dedicated to perpetual land conservation consistent with the program's objectives.

Applicants may request that project due diligence costs, such as title review and appraisals, that were incurred up to one year prior to the issuance of the award, be counted toward the match.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer markets to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; regional farmers market authorities; and tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$14,212,274	60
2023	$13,913,230	55
2022	$13,101,268	55

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $11 million
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation Date: May 9, 2025
Proposal due: June 27, 2025

- Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts.

https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp

Awardee Profile

Erie County, NY

AMOUNT: $99,708
YEAR: 2024

This turnkey project will address food insecurity, promote awareness of fresh local food sources by facilitating access to fresh and local produce for underserved communities located in areas of concentrated poverty with limited access to fresh locally or regionally grown food, and increase sales for farmers and producers in Erie County, NY. Project work will collate a live database of local fresh food purchasing locations, including grocery and community stores, mobile markets, and farmers' markets.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. This program focuses on:

- Supporting and promoting domestic direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant, and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) marketing, such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, or online sales
- Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food and value-added products
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination development
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste
- Responding to changing technology needs in direct producer-to-consumer marketing
- Covering expenses related to costs incurred in obtaining food safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

This program supports the following four project types:

- Capacity-building (CB) projects: These projects are intended to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct-to-consumer market opportunities. The projects should demonstrate a direct benefit to farm and ranch operations serving local markets, and maximize the involvement of farmers, ranchers, and community organizations. Eligible project activities include, but are not limited to:
    - Developing tools, techniques, or practices that can be adopted or replicated by local agriculture markets, including those that provide direct financial support to a network of markets, or other relevant organizations
    - Market analysis and strategic planning for a direct producer-to-consumer market opportunity
    - Local farmer, rancher, or market manager startup training and education. This may include but is not limited to, educating vendors about the eligibility requirements and the process for participating in or applying to accept SNAP, WIC, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program benefits, or other (state or local or nonprofit) benefit programs at farmers markets
    - Farmer's market, roadside stand, CSA, agritourism or online sales activity startup, operation and/or expansion
    - Recruitment, outreach and retention of farmers and ranchers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets

    - Recruitment, outreach, and retention of new and existing consumers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets
- Community Development Training and Technical Assistance (CTA) projects: These projects are intended to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to farm and ranch operations serving local markets to develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. CTA projects should engage a variety of local and regional food stakeholders to illustrate a substantive effect on the local and regional food system. Examples of eligible project activities include, but are not limited to:
    - Developing and disseminating tools, techniques, or practices that can be adopted or replicated by local agriculture markets
    - Conducting statewide or regional training for farmers, ranchers, or farmers market managers to help them develop or maintain their own direct producer-to-consumer enterprise
    - Assisting farmers and ranchers in advertising and promoting their locally and regionally produced agricultural products, including value-added products, through training and technical assistance
    - As part of a marketing and promotion project, promoting that a market accepts SNAP or other public benefits (such as WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program) to customers and how customers can use those programs at the market or with individual vendors
    - Establishing or expanding producer-to-consumer networks and organizations on a state, regional, or national level, which includes efforts to develop sourcing channels using direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities with corporate, non-profit, and institutional buyers
    - Providing technical support for small- and mid-sized producers to become compliant with regulatory and buyer specifications and standards to increase their direct market opportunities
- Turnkey Marketing and Promotion: These projects are intended to offer a streamlined approach to some of the most common FMPP grant activities related to marketing and promotion. Applicants applying to the Turnkey Marketing and Promotion track agree to conduct specific activities that support the marketing and promotion of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities for local and regional foods. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pre-defined activities listed below:
    - Identify and analyze new or improved market opportunities
    - Develop or revise a marketing plan
    - Design or purchase marketing and promotion media
    - Implement a marketing plan
    - Evaluate marketing and promotion activities
- Turnkey Recruitment and Training: These projects are intended to offer a streamlined application for common FMPP recruitment and training activities for local and regional food system stakeholders. Turnkey applications must clearly demonstrate benefits to farmers and ranchers. Applicants applying to the Turnkey Recruitment and Training track agree to conduct specific activities defined by AMS that support the development or delivery of vendor and producer recruitment strategies, as well as training opportunities. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pre-defined activities listed below:

- Identify and analyze new or improved strategies for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Develop or revise strategies or plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Design materials for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Implement plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Evaluate outcomes related to vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both

Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts. To qualify for LI/LA priority consideration, the project's implementation address must be in a LI/LA census tract, as defined by one of the four major map layers on the ERS Food Access Research Atlas. Priority may also be given to projects that are used to carry out eligible activities under a partnership agreement in a Regional Food Systems Partnership project and have not received an FMPP award within the past five years.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; regional farmers market authorities; and tribal governments.

Applicants must show evidence of existing community or industry support. Partners and collaborators may come from private or public, for-profit or nonprofit entities. Applications should demonstrate a commitment to engage potential project beneficiaries as active participants.

Current Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) grant recipients may apply for a grant on behalf of requesting producers and/or eligible entities. Active RFSP recipients are eligible to receive more than one FMPP or LFPP project within an award cycle to allow them to apply on behalf of those entities.

Previous award winners may apply again under this program if the award has already been closed out by the application due date.

Applicants must provide signed letters of commitment, not just letters of support, from all project partners and collaborators listed in the Project Narrative.

Applicants must provide a signed letter of critical resources and infrastructure that describes the critical resources necessary for the project's initiation and completion and certifies that they are in place and committed prior to the project's start date.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of $11 million is expected to be available to support awards through this program as follows:

- Turnkey Projects (both types): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $50,000 to $100,000. The project period is 24 months.
- Capacity Building (CB): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $50,000 to $250,000. The project period is 36 months.
- Community Development Training and Technical Assistance (CTA): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $100,000 to $500,000. The project period is 36 months.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of 25 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. There is no competitive advantage for an applicant to provide a cost share or match that exceeds the required amount.

Applicants must have written and signed verification of cost share commitments from every party, including the applicant, who will contribute cash or in-kind cost sharing to the project.

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

Grant Overview

This program funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives, community supported agriculture (CSA) network or association, economic development corporation, food council, local government, nonprofit corporation, producer network or association, public benefit corporation, regional farmers market authority, and tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$14,150,364	43
2023	$14,180,180	33

Key Information

Total Funding: $11 million
Award Range: $25,000 to $500,000
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation Date: May 9, 2025
Proposal due: July 27, 2025

https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp

Awardee Profile

City of Tempe, AZ

AMOUNT: $486,728
YEAR: 2024

The City of Tempe will implement a cooperative food business development program that provides underserved Tempe residents with access to free commercial kitchen space, bilingual business development training, and hyper-local markets. This initiative will connect Tempe residents to the regional food system while developing opportunities for community wealth-building within the middle of-the-supply-chain space.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this project is to fund projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. The program focuses on:

- Supporting the processing, aggregation, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products that are marketed locally or regionally, including value-added agricultural products.
- Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products.
- Assisting with business development plans and feasibility studies.
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food products and value-added agricultural products.
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination and mid-tier value chain development.
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste.
- Responding to changing technology needs in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing.
- Covering expenses to cost incurred in obtaining food safety certification related and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

This program supports the following project types:

Planning awards: Planning projects are used in the planning stages of developing, coordinating, or expanding a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Completing a feasibility study for a new intermediary food channel (i.e., food hub), to analyze market potential, capacity, and potential competitors, and partners in the region.
- Hiring experts for technical assistance to implement a local/regional food transportation system.
- Hiring experts for training on managing a local/regional food storage or processing facility.
- Devising a business development plan associated with the processing/marketing of local/regional agricultural products, including value-added agricultural products.

Implementation awards: Implementation projects are used to establish a new food enterprise or market channel or to improve or expand an existing food enterprise or market channel that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing or expanding food incubator programs or mid-tier value chains.
- Connecting, cultivating, and strengthening relationships between local and regional producers and local and regional food businesses and consumer-facing markets.

- Instituting group-based Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certification for sellers of food into institutional or wholesale marketing channels, including providing financial support for making changes and upgrades to practices and equipment to improve food safety.
- Cultivating new wholesale market channels through an online portal or virtual marketplace.
- Investigating and implementing more cost-effective means of transportation for food supply chains through backhaul, route optimization, and/or other operational efficiencies.

Turnkey Marketing and Promotion awards: Projects are intended to offer a streamlined application for common LFPP marketing and promotion activities. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5, pre-defined activities listed below. Applicants may not propose other activities under this project type. Doing so will disqualify the application from consideration.

- Identify and analyze new or improved market opportunities.
- Develop or revise a marketing plan.
- Design or purchase marketing and promotion media.
- Implement a marketing plan.
- Evaluate marketing and promotional activities.

Turnkey Recruitment and Training awards: Projects are intended to offer a streamlined application for common LFPP recruitment and training activities for local and regional food system stakeholders. Turnkey applications must clearly demonstrate benefits to farmers and ranchers. Those applying to the Turnkey Recruitment and Training track agree to conduct specific activities that support the development or delivery of vendor and producer recruitment strategies, as well as training opportunities. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5, pre-defined activities listed below. Applicants may not propose other activities under this project type. Doing so will disqualify the application from consideration.

- Identify and analyze new or improved strategies for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both.
- Develop or revise strategies or plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both.
- Design materials for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both.
- Implement plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both.
- Evaluate outcomes related to vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both.

Applicants who would otherwise choose Planning and Implementation project types may apply using the Turnkey option, if they focus on recruitment or training for vendors and producers and meet all other Turnkey requirements, such as the lower funding maximum.

The funding agency will prioritize applications that:

- Benefit underserved communities, including communities that are located in areas of concentrated poverty with limited access to fresh locally or regionally grown food, which the funding agency has determined to mean the application is for a project located in a low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tract; or
- Are used to carry out eligible activities under a partnership agreement in a Regional Food Systems Partnership project and have not received an LFPP award within the past five (5) years.

To qualify for low income/low food (LI/LA) access priority consideration, the project's implementation address must be in a LI/LA census tract, as defined by one of the four major map layers on the ERS Food Access Research Atlas. "Implementation address" refers to the street address or census tract location within the

targeted community where the applicant plans to conduct or deliver approved project activities. The applicant must provide its census tract(s) for at least one LI/LA address (priority area). If your organization or business is located in and/or primarily serves at least one LI/LA community, your application will be considered under this priority area.

Engagement with partners and collaborators strengthens projects. Partners and collaborators may come from private or public, for-profit or nonprofit entities.

- A partner is in a relationship involving close cooperation with the applicant and shares responsibilities in the management of the project.
- A collaborator is a person or an organization unaffiliated with the applicant that cooperates with the applicant in the conduct of the project and is not immediately connected to the management of the project.

Only the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements. Project partners and collaborators do not need to meet the eligibility requirements. The applicant may subcontract or subaward with partners and collaborators or may engage with them without funding. For instance, a project may have partners or collaborators who have their own funding or who are contributing to the project financially, such as by providing a cash or in-kind cost share. Regardless of whether there is a financial subcontract or subaward relationship, applications must show evidence of existing community or industry engagement. Applications should demonstrate a commitment to engage potential project beneficiaries as active participants.

Applicants may submit more than one application in this round of funding. If an applicant is selected as a finalist for more than one award, that applicant is still limited to receive one award per funding cycle. The funding agency's staff will contact the applicant to discuss which application they would like to complete. If an applicant has an active LFPP award, the applicants must close out the award to be eligible to apply for a new award. For example, a Planning award recipient must close out that award prior to applying for an Implementation award. The applicant must submit all required close-out documentation by the application due date.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives, community supported agriculture (CSA) network or association, economic development corporation, food council, local government, nonprofit corporation, producer network or association, public benefit corporation, regional farmers market authority, and tribal governments.

All applicants must be domestic entities owned, operated, and located within the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Tribal Governments.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $11 million is available to support awards through this program. Award size varies by project type:

- Planning Awards: awards range from $25,000 to $100,000
- Turnkey Marketing and Promotion Awards: awards range from $50,000 to $100,000

- Turnkey Recruitment and Training Awards: awards range from $50,000 to $100,000
- Implementation Awards: awards range from $100,000 to $500,000

The period of performance for planning awards and both types of turnkey awards is 24 months and is anticipated to start on September 30, 2025.

The period of performance for implementation awards is 36 months and is anticipated to start on September 30, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program requires a cost share contribution of 25 percent.

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 Federal Lands to Parks Program

Grant Overview

This program helps increase close-to-home recreation opportunities and the public recreation estate by working with communities interested in acquiring federal property for parks and recreation, including finding out about available federal property, assisting with the application, advocating for public recreation, and deeding the property. Once transferred, the program continues to work with communities to ensure this land remains available and used for public parks and recreation in perpetuity and to protect important natural and cultural resources. Eligible applicants are states, counties, municipalities, and similar state and local government entities.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: Rather than monetary awards, this program provides surplus federal land
Match: Unspecified
Proposal due: Varies by regional NPS office

More information can be found here.

Tips

- Successful applications include the need for the property for parks or recreation, and its historical, natural, or recreational preservation, the suitability of the property for park and recreational use, the applicant's capability to operate and maintain the property for public parks and recreation, a program describing the property's proposed park and recreational uses, as well as a site plan.
- By request, the funding agency may provide assistance to applicants during the application process.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 Federal Lands to Parks Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help increase close-to-home recreation opportunities and the public recreation estate by working with communities interested in acquiring federal property for parks and recreation, including finding out about available federal property, assisting with the application, advocating for the public recreation, and deeding the property. Once transferred, the program continues to work with communities to ensure this land remains available and used for public parks and recreation in perpetuity and to protect important natural and cultural resources.

The program facilitates the stewardship of former Recreational Demonstration Areas. The recreational demonstration areas consist of federal areas transferred to states in the 1930s and 1940s on the condition that they remain available and protected for public parks, recreational, and conservation purposes.

Property acquired through this program must be used for public park and recreational use in perpetuity. The land may be developed for one or more recreational activities, or it may be used to support existing parks or recreation areas by providing parking or improved access.

Past awards have supported the transformation of properties into community centers, neighborhood parks, town or city squares, or regional or state parks. Typical recreational uses include hiking, biking, camping, picnicking, hunting, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, swimming, boating, tennis, golf, and organized sports. If appropriate, land may remain undeveloped for passive recreational use, such as bird watching, photography, or wildlife conservation. However, all land acquired through this program must be open to the public.

Surplus land will be provided by a variety of federal departments and may include military bases, Army Corps of Engineers water control projects, and former Army Reserve sites. Land can range in area, containing less than an acre to thousands of acres. Land may be located in rural or urban areas and consist of open space, forests, wetlands, lakes, or shorelines. Land may contain existing recreational facilities, such as athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, fitness centers, playgrounds, and swimming pools, or the land and its facilities may be abandoned and in need of repair or improvement before it can accommodate public uses.

Applications must include:

- Need for the property
- Suitability of the property for park and recreational use
- Capability of applicant to operate and maintain the property
- Proposed use of the property and site plan

If the application is satisfactory, the funding agency will request the property from the disposing agency and advocate on behalf of the applicant.

Information regarding available property can be found online at disposal.gsa.gov.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, counties, municipalities, and similar state and local government entities.

The funding agency does not give preference to any particular level of government.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program conveys surplus federal land to communities, usually at no cost, for public park and recreational purposes.

The funding agency typically has 25 days from a notice of availability to notify the disposing agency of the interest in the property. By request, the funding agency may provide assistance to applicants during the application process.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants are responsible for the costs associated with preparing an application, including the preparation of relevant land surveys, title searches, and site development plans. Applicants must also commit the funds necessary to develop, operate, and maintain the property for public park and recreational use in perpetuity, and to protect natural and cultural resources protected under related federal laws established in perpetuity.

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Land Management

FY 2024 IIJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management National Operations Center (NOC) Recreation and Visitor Services Program

Grant Overview

This program provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities that benefit the public and local communities. The program will focus on projects that build healthy communities and economies, advance environmental justice, address the climate crisis, and provide safe and equitable access to outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township governments; special district governments; independent school districts; Native American tribal governments; public housing authorities/ Indian housing authorities; nonprofits; and public, state, and private institutions of higher education.

Program History

This is no available program history.

Key Information

Total Funding: $800,000
Award Range: $25,000 - $500,000
Match: None
Solicitation date: August 23, 2024
Proposal due: September 30, 2024

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356185

Tips

- Projects must be in a BLM Restoration Landscape area.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact the Wildlife Resources Program Lead at the BLM state, district, or field office where the work is proposed to take place to discuss proposed projects in order to determine eligibility under the BLM priorities and criteria described in the notice of funding availability.
- All proposed projects submitted under this funding opportunity must state a benefit to the public.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Land Management

FY 2024 IIJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management National Operations Center (NOC) Recreation and Visitor Services Program

Detailed Summary

This program provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities that benefit the public and local communities. The purpose of this program is to support projects that build healthy communities and economies, advance environmental justice, address the climate crisis, and provide safe and equitable access to outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans.

The funding agency will work with partner organizations to assist with the following:

- Increase and enhance access to BLM public lands and waters.
- Increase and enhance recreational opportunities.
- Enhance public satisfaction at BLM recreation sites and areas.
- Collect visitor and recreation resource data by conducting inventories and visitor assessments.
- Conduct inventory, monitoring, data management, assessment and planning on BLM public lands and waters.
- Locate, inventory, monitor, survey, and nominate significant caves on BLM public lands.
- Provide enriched visitor services, information, interpretation and education, including websites.
- Protect visitor health and safety.
- Improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Improve motorized and non-motorized trails including trail construction and maintenance, comprehensive travel and transportation inventory and assessment, planning management and monitoring.
- Enhance community-supported partnerships in tourism, marketing, and conservation.
- Strengthen relationships with sovereign Tribal nations by elevating indigenous voices on our public lands through the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act.
- Engage with diverse stakeholders and traditionally underserved populations to achieve a better understanding of how recreation contributes to their lives.
- Enhance and increase responsible recreation messaging.
- Develop and offer training and education, including workshops and webinars.
- Advance responsible recreation values.

These projects will:

- Connect with youth, tribes, and underserved communities to foster public lands stewardship.

- Improve climate resiliency on public lands while enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities and activities.
- Enhance access to quality recreation opportunities for nature-deprived communities.
- Identify and remove outdoor recreation barriers and expand recreation opportunities for all.
- Provide an enhanced, more sustainable recreational experience by delivering up-to-date and engaging visitor information online and in person.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, local, and special district governments; school districts; institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments; nonprofits; and public housing authorities. Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township governments; special district governments; independent school districts; institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); public housing authorities/ Indian housing authorities; nonprofits; and private institutions of higher education.

Projects must be in a BLM Restoration Landscape area.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $800,000 is available to support an estimated 5 awards ranging from $25,000 to $500,000 through this program. The award period is five years.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Cost sharing or matching is not required for this program; however, a voluntary cost share is strongly encouraged.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356185

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025-2029 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership: Acquisition and Development

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities to the public in urban, disadvantaged communities lacking access to walkable outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants are State Lead Agencies, which may submit on behalf of eligible sub-recipients, including state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and Organizations, Native Hawaiian communities, and local units of governments and special purpose districts.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$254,680,000	54
2022	$279,741,748	56

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $300,000 to $15 million
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: December 11, 2024
Application Due: June 1 and November 1 each year (2025-2029)

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm

Awardee Profile

City of Bakersfield
Bakersfield, CA

AMOUNT: $11.9 million
YEAR: 2023

Funding will be used for the revitalization of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center in the City of Bakersfield.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025-2029 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership: Acquisition and Development

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities to the public in urban, disadvantaged communities lacking access to walkable outdoor recreation. This program provides awards to states, and through states to local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes, for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities.

The purpose of the Acquisition and Development component is to support the acquisition or development of lands and facilities that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. Program goals are to:

- Support projects developed in collaboration with the communities they serve, thus ensuring that planning and land development decisions do not place unfair burdens on underserved groups
- Support public-private partnerships to leverage project support, including cooperative projects and partnerships between governments, property owners, developers, financial institutions, and the public
- Empower communities through local public greenspace investment, fostering resilience and sustainable landscape development by restoring ecosystems, protecting biodiversity, and providing recreational and economic benefits
- Enhancing public health in underserved areas through active living, land conservation, water resource protection, cultural preservation, native landscape restoration, and disaster mitigation
- Promote, protect, and incorporate the distinctive character of a community and its unique contexts

Eligible projects include the acquisition of lands, wetlands, and waters for public outdoor recreation, including new areas or additions to existing parks, forests, wildlife management areas, beaches, and other similar areas dedicated to public outdoor recreation, as well as physical connections among them (e.g., trails, waterways, land between recreation areas, wildlife habitat corridors). Development work should encompass essential public outdoor recreation activities and the necessary support facilities for public use. Projects could involve a combination of land acquisition and site development. Projects may cater to a diverse range of public outdoor recreation activities and facilities required to enhance the use and enjoyment for the public. Eligible facilities include:

- Community parks
- Campgrounds

- Playgrounds
- Sport fields and courts
- Picnic areas and open-air pavilions
- Trails and tracks for hiking, walking, skating, or biking
- Water-based recreation facilities for swimming or boating
- Fishing and hunting facilities
- Pools and splash pads
- Publicly accessible nature preserves or conservation areas
- Community gardens
- Spectator facilities, such as amphitheaters or bandstands
- Renovations of existing facilities
- Interpretive signage

Any recreation area benefiting from assistance through this program, whether for acquisition or development purposes, and regardless of the amount or extent of assistance, may not be converted to any use other than public outdoor recreation.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state lead agencies designated by the state's governor or by state legislation for the purposes of implementing the LWCF in that state. For the purposes of this program, states include each of the 50 states; the District of Columbia; and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The state lead agency may apply on behalf of themselves or another eligible subrecipient which may include:

- State agencies
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) and Alaska Native Organizations (ANOs)
- Native Hawaiian communities
- Local units of government and special purpose districts

Projects must be located within an incorporated city or town having a population of 25,000 or more in the 2020 Census and must be located within a community that is determined to be disadvantaged per the Climate and Environmental Justic Screening Tool, the EPA EJ Screen, or documentation submitted by the community describing the demographic and environmental factors that indicate the community's status of need.

The application process for this program is multistep. Each state will solicit applications from eligible subrecipients, also known as project sponsors, and select and submit abbreviated applications to the NPS for projects they find to be eligible and that meet the ORLP goals. Each application will be reviewed and scored by an independent merit panel and technical reviewers, and based on the reviews, the director of the NPS will determine which projects are selected and invited to submit a full application for NPS review. States will work with the project sponsors of the NPS-selected projects to prepare a full application for NPS's final review and funding determination. To remain eligible for funding, final applications must be submitted to NPS within one year of the NPS public announcement of the project's selection.

Funding

In FY 2025-2029, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 25-40 awards per calendar year ranging from $300,000 to $15 million through this program.

The announcement of selected projects for the June 1 submissions is expected to occur by September 1 of the same calendar year. Selections for November 1 submissions should be announced by February 1 of the next calendar year.

Matching and Cost Sharing

All applicants must provide a non-Federal cost share of at least 50 percent (1:1 ratio). The acceptable non-Federal contributions include land donation or bargain sale, cash, in-kind contributions, or volunteer services.

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https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund: State and Local Assistance Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to present and future generations of U.S. citizens and visitors such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States. Eligible applicants are state lead agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$279,741,748	56

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: One-to-one match required
Solicitation date: March 15, 2023
Application Due: April 28, 2023

- Applicants must have a current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in place
- Entities interested in applying for an LWCF grant must contact their State's lead agency to find out details about the availability of funds, timing of grant process, State program priorities, funding criteria, etc.

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm

Awardee Profile

Springwater Corridor
Portland, OR

AMOUNT: $3.35 million
YEAR: 2017

The funding will be used for Springwater Corridor trail system in Portland Oregon.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): State and Local Assistance Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to present and future generations of U.S. citizens and visitors such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

Funding will be provided for the following program components:

(Part A): State Planning: The purpose of the State Planning component is to assist states with developing or updating their statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) or its supporting elements. This component is intended to assure statewide coordination and planning for outdoor recreation resources. SCORPs are a required eligibility component of the Aquisition and Construction component of this program.

The goals of the SCORP and its planning process are to:

- Fulfill the purposes of the LWCF Act
- Provide each state the maximum opportunity and flexibility to develop and implement its plan
- Describe the role of the LWCF in the state's provision of outdoor recreation resources and the state's policies for use of its LWCF apportionment
- Provide a basis for determining each state's LWCF eligibility
- Ensure relevant, influential, and timely planning for the state's use of its LWCF apportionment

The SCORP must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Describe the process and methodology chosen by the state to meet the LWCF Act guidelines
- Include ample opportunity for public participation involving all segments of the state's population
- Be comprehensive, which, for the purposes of this program, is defined as:
    - Identifying outdoor recreation issues of statewide importance based upon input from the public participation program
    - Evaluating demand
    - Evaluating the supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities
- Have an implementation program that identifies the state's strategies, priorities, and actions for the obligation of the LWCF apportionment
- Contain or reference a wetlands priority component consistent with Section 303 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986

(Part B): Acquisition and Construction: The purpose of the Acquisition and Construction component is to acquire and/or develop lands for public outdoor recreation purposes. Funding will be provided to states, and through states to local units of government and Indian tribes, for projects that acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes, as well as develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.

Funding may support a wide range of outdoor recreation, such as:

- Community parks
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Campgrounds
- Trails
- Swimming pools
- Sports field
- Supporting infrastructure, such as roads/parking, trailheads, and restrooms, that support the use of the site

Proposed outdoor recreation areas and facilities must be publicly owned as well as open to the general public.

Projects must fall under one of the following categories:

- Acquisition projects: acquisition of land and waters or partial rights to them that provides public access
- Development projects: development of certain outdoor recreation activities and support facilities needed by the public for recreation use of an area
- Combination projects: projects that combine both acquisition and development elements

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state lead agencies for the LWCF. Eligible applicants may be located in the District of Columbia or the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The process for applying for a grant begins at the State or Territory level; entities interested in applying for an LWCF grant must contact their State's lead agency to find out details about the availability of funds, timing of grant process, State program priorities, funding criteria, etc. A list of agency contacts can be found at: https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm.

Applicants must have a current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in place that assesses demand and need for outdoor recreation services and sets priorities for the use of program funds.

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program overall. Funding will be dispersed as follows:

(Part A): State Planning: An estimated $1.5 million expected to be available to support approximately ten awards ranging from approximately $25,000 to $250,000 each through this component. The maximum award

amount is based upon a legislative formula and is limited to the lesser of 10 percent of the applicant's annual apportionment or $250,000.

(Part B): Acquisition and Construction: An estimated $150 million available to support awards ranging from approximately $15,000 to $8 million each through this component. Award amounts will be based upon a legislative formula and will typically average $300,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

All applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match.

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https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Eligible applicants are community groups and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies.

Program History

In 2021, the program assisted more than 350 communities across the United States to improve parks, establish trails, access rivers, and protect special places.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Match: Not required
Proposal due: March 1, 2025

- Applicants should discuss their proposed project and current application process with the appropriate regional program manager.
- Rather than providing monetary funds, this program provides technical assistance from National Park Service staff.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

Awardee Profile

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Tucson, AZ

YEAR: 2020

NPS-RTCA collaborated with the school and local partners on design concepts and infrastructure improvements for the Anza Cultural History Park. The park, which is centered around the historic Anza Expedition of 1776, features newly installed accessible amenities which assist all users in accessing the various recreational opportunities.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Projects typically fall under one of the following focus areas; however, the funding agency will consider other projects that fall outside of these focus areas:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners: develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- Support the funding agency and community networks: facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals

Examples of the types of assistance provided through this program include:

- Defining project vision and goals
- Inventory and mapping community resources
- Identifying and analyzing key issues and opportunities
- Engaging collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Designing community outreach and participation strategies
- Developing concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Setting priorities and building consensus
- Identifying funding strategies
- Developing a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Creating project management and strategic action plans
- Coaching teams, groups, and partnership networks

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, local, or federal government agencies, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and national parks.

Applicants must list key partners committed to the project and their anticipated role(s) and contribution in the application. National parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Project start dates will be coordinated with the funding agency. Assistance will be provided on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement with the funding agency.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants must detail any additional resources that will be contributed by the applicant organization in the application.

Contact Information

Interested applicants should reach out to the appropriate state program manager to discuss the proposed project and current application process. Contact information is available here.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Environmental Education and Stewardship Division

FY 2025 Environmental Education Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports locally and regionally focused environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and community members. Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, Tribal education agencies, Tribal non-profit organizations, noncommercial educational broadcasting entities, and local or county environmental agencies.

Program History

Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$3.6 million	38
2022	$3.15 million	33
2021	$3.22 million	34
2020	$3.25 million	35

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $3.2 million
Award Range: $200,000 - $250,000
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: January 7, 2026
Proposal due: March 3, 2026

https://www.epa.gov/education/grants

To calculate match, applicants are encouraged to use the EE Grant Calculator.

Awardee Profile

National Wildlife Federation

Austin, TX

AMOUNT: $100,000
YEAR: 2023

This project supports engagement with high school students and teachers to serve on school watershed teams and to use meaningful watershed experiences in the outdoors and in the classroom to empower students, teachers and community members to be watershed stewards.

Department: Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Environmental Education and Stewardship Division

FY 2025 Environmental Education Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support locally and regionally focused environmental education projects that design, demonstrate and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques. The funding agency will provide financial support for projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop informed, knowledgeable, and responsible individuals in the community(ies) in which the project is located.

The program provides financial support for the design, demonstration, and dissemination of environmental education practices, methods, and techniques that increase public awareness and understanding of local and/or regional environmental issues and equip participants with the skills needed to make informed decisions and take responsible actions to protect and improve the environment. Activities funding under this program must be consistent with Pillar 3 of the EPA Administrator's Five Pillars.

Applications must address the following priorities:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI): Educating students, educators, and community members on the responsible use and application of artificial intelligence (AI) to address local and/or regional environmental issues. Projects should explore how AI tools can be used or developed to collect, analyze, and visualize environmental data; predict environmental trends; or support environmental stewardship efforts.
- Ensuring Clean and Safe Water: These efforts help ensure clean and safe drinking water and/or contribute to the restoration and maintenance of oceans, lakes, rivers, watersheds, and their aquatic ecosystems to protect human health, support economic and recreational activities, and provide healthy habitats for wildlife and plants.

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following types of activities in their proposed projects:

- Designing and implementing hands-on environmental educational programs that introduce students, educators, and community members to the responsible use of AI for addressing local water quality and/or quantity issues.
- Developing and applying AI models to identify pollution sources, forecast flooding or drought risks, or monitor water usage patterns in local watersheds.
- Conducting training workshops for students, teachers, farmers, and community members on how AI can support aquatic ecosystem restoration, nutrient management, and water conservation.
- Creating and piloting curriculum modules for targeted grades that integrate AI applications into water quality and/or quantity education.

- Organizing community engagement activities such as waterway clean-up events, participatory science projects, and school-based water conservation campaigns informed by AI data analysis.
- Facilitating collaboration among schools, farmers, community groups, and local agencies to apply AI insights in planning for water challenges such as stormwater management, nutrient runoff reduction, or drought preparedness.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, Tribal education agencies, Tribal non-profit organizations, local or county environmental agencies, and noncommercial educational broadcasting entities as defined and licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Eligibility requirements apply to both "prime" recipients and all subrecipients.

Applicants can not have been previously awarded a grant by EPA's EE grant program. Applicants may submit more than one (1) application under this announcement so long as each one is for a different project and is separately submitted.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $3.2 million is available to support up to 16 awards nationwide through this program. Awards will range from $200,000 to $250,000. Grantees are required to award exactly 25 percent of funds received to eligible subrecipients. Subaward recipients are subject to the same eligibility requirements as "prime" recipients. Subawards must be grants of $5,000 or less. The project period may last from one to two years. Projects may begin no earlier than October 15, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Under appropriate circumstances, applicants may use partnerships to assist with the cost share requirement. In-kind contributions may include salaries, volunteer time, and/or supplies and materials.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

Grant Overview

This program provides planning assistance to bring together local residents and other stakeholders to help communities that are seeking to grow their outdoor recreation and tourism economy, invest in their Main Streets, and conserve forests and other natural lands. Eligible applicants are local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations and institutions representing any U.S. community, as well as local colleges, public universities, or extension agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	N/A	25
2019	N/A	10

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: N/A
Match: Not required
Proposal due: October 16, 2024

- Rather than providing monetary awards this program provides planning assistance to communities.

https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities

Awardee Profile

Beverly, Ohio

YEAR: 2022

The village of Beverly and partners planned to create a multi-use trail in the village to allow people to safely bike and walk, with the long-term goal of connecting the trail to the Marietta River Trail, which would link the community to other local recreational assets.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help communities that are seeking to grow their outdoor recreation and tourism economy, invest in their Main Streets, and conserve forests and other natural lands. Through this program, award recipients will receive planning assistance from a funding agency planning team that will help bring together local residents and other stakeholders to decide on strategies and an action plan to grow the local outdoor recreation economy.

Ultimately, by encouraging growth on Main Streets and in existing neighborhoods, the program seeks to promote outdoor recreation to help foster community revitalization, protect air and water quality, create jobs, support economic growth and diversification, and offer new opportunities for people to connect with the natural world. Partner communities are encouraged to pursue activities that foster environmentally friendly community development and Main Street revitalization through the conservation and sustainable use of public or private forests or other natural resources.

Examples of such activities include:

- Ensuring local residents, including young people, have connections and opportunities related to nearby outdoor assets to foster community pride, good stewardship, and local economic benefits
- Developing or expanding trail networks to attract overnight visitors and new businesses and foster use by local residents
- Developing in-town amenities, such as broadband service; electric vehicle charging; housing; or shops, restaurants, or breweries, to serve residents and attract new visitors and residents with an interest in nearby outdoor assets
- Marketing local downtowns and Main Street as gateways to nearby natural lands to capture and amplify outdoor recreation dollars
- Developing a community consensus on the management of outdoor assets to reduce potential conflicts and ensure sustainable use of resources
- Engaging in stewardship of outdoor recreation assets and mitigating and adapting to climate change and other environmental challenges
- Ensuring that all residents and visitors, particularly those that have not historically been engaged in outdoor recreation and Main Street revitalization efforts, have equitable access to and can benefit from the growing outdoor recreation economy

The planning assistance process will take place over several months, with a focal point being a facilitated community workshop. At the workshop, participants will work together to identify a vision, goals, and specific actions to realize the locally set goals.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations and institutions representing any U.S. community. Local colleges, universities, and extension agencies may also serve as the lead organization for the assistance; however, it will be important to show in the application how the applicant will be able to bring together community stakeholders, including residents, to a public workshop.

Special consideration will be given to communities that are:

- Small towns and rural communities
- Economically disadvantaged communities
- Tribal and Alaskan Native Village communities
- Communities located in the Northern Border region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont, as detailed online at *www.nbrc.gov*
- Communities located in the Appalachian region, as detailed online at *www.arc.gov*
- Communities in the Denali region representing rural Alaska, as detailed online at *denali.gov*

Regional organizations, including councils of governments, are eligible. In cases where an application covers a larger region, the application should identify a strong local partner and should explain the place-based focus of the project. Applicants may apply for more than one neighborhood or town in the region through multiple, separate applications; however, no more than one application from a single neighborhood or town will be selected for assistance.

Funding

Rather than monetary awards, this program will provide planning assistance to an expected 20 to 25 communities, which will consist of a facilitated community workshop and planning/follow-up calls. Award notifications will be provided in early 2025.

Community workshops will likely occur in 2025, the exact timing of which will depend on the community's preference in consultation with the planning assistance team. Planning calls generally begin three to four months before the community workshop, and follow-up calls generally are completed three to four months after the workshop. The planning assistance team typically works with each selected community for approximately 8 to 12 months for the entire project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants may incur minimal costs, such as staff and volunteer time devoted to planning and participating in the required planning assistance workshop and will be responsible for any costs associated with securing a venue and/or providing refreshments.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Our Town Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Projects supported through this program will engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$3.9 million	51

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $25,000 - $150,000
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: April 23, 2024
Proposal due: August 1, 2024 (Grants.gov); August 15, 2024 (NEA portal)

https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Awardee Profile

Art Students League of Denver
Denver, CO

AMOUNT: $100,000
YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to support the training of low-inco youth in job skills, urban design, and creative placemaking.

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Our Town Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Projects supported through this program will engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities.

Projects should focus on community-identified or -supported goals and may include collaborative strategies such as:

- Planning activities such as artist/designer-facilitated community planning, cultural planning, cultural district planning, creative asset mapping, or public art planning, that incorporate artists and culture bearers as key project leads
- Design processes including, design of artist spaces, design of cultural facilities, or public space design
- Supporting the creative economy through creative business development or professional artist/designer development
- Creating opportunities for community building and arts engagement through artist residencies, arts festivals, community co-creation of art, performances, and public art

Competitive projects will:

- Clearly identify local characteristics of a community and aim to understand, address, and/or develop a response to a facet of life in that community
- Demonstrate a specific role for the arts, culture, and design to strengthen the local community
- Pilot new arts, culture, and design activities that are led by a diverse range of local partners
- Establish new or deepen existing authentic, cross-sector partnerships that engage area residents, local governmental or quasi-governmental entities, and community-based nonprofit partners
- Advance inclusive community engagement and community-desired outcomes for a place
- Lay the groundwork for long-term systems change that sustains the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities over the long term
- Demonstrate alignment with the funding agency's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility

For FY 2025, the funding agency is particularly interested in arts, culture, or design projects that address health/well-being, transportation/infrastructure, or climate-related challenges within a community.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Applications must be submitted by one organization and require at least one partner organization. The applicant/partner pair must include a nonprofit organization and a local government or quasi-government

entity. If neither the nonprofit organization nor the local government entity have the requisite arts, culture, or design expertise necessary to carry out the project, a third partner with that arts, culture, or design expertise is required. Additional partners across all sectors are encouraged.

For U.S. territories where no local government exists, the territory government may serve as the local government applicant or required partner.

Applicants may apply to other programs offered by the funding agency, including the Grants for Arts Projects program; however, each request must be for a distinctly different project or a distinctly different phase of a project. Applicants with other awards from the funding agency or pending applications with activities and/or project periods that will overlap with their proposed project must contact the program staff, using the information provided in the Contact section, for guidance to ensure that the projects are different or for a distinctly different phase of a project. Applicants that have applied to the funding agency in the past and were not recommended for funding may apply again to any funding opportunity, including this program.

Previous award recipients may apply for a distinctly different project or a distinctly different phase of the project from that which was previously funded. No award recipient may receive more than one award from the funding agency for the same activities during the same project period.

An organization may serve as the eligible applicant on up to two applications. A partnering organization may serve as a partner on as many applications as they like. Exceptions to the application limit are made only for parent organizations that have separately identifiable and independent components. A parent organization that comprises separately identifiable and independent components may submit an application for each such component. In addition, a parent organization may submit one application on its own behalf for a project that is different from any project submitted in an application by its independent component(s). An eligible independent component must be a unit that is both programmatically and administratively distinct from the parent organization.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $25,000 to $150,000 through this program. The funding agency will issue very few awards at or above the $100,000 level; these awards will only be issued for projects of significant scale and impact.

Award notifications will be made in April 2025.

The project period may last up to two years and may begin no earlier than July 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

In general, it is preferable that applicants provide some cash match, and the funding agency will look very carefully at projects showing largely in-kind contributions.

Matching contributions may include funds that are proposed but not yet committed at the time of the application deadline.

Funds raised prior to the project may be used as a match; however, matching funds must be spent on eligible project activities during the proposed project period.

Costs that pertain strictly to preparing a site specifically for the art or design work, such as slabs or pedestals, landscaping that is necessary for the art work, and landscaping that is the art work may be used for the match.

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FOUNDATION
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2025 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by supporting diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$2.3 million	43
2023	$1.7 million	38

Key Information

Total Funding: $2.5 million
Award Range: $30,000 - $60,000
Match: 1:0.75
Proposal due: January 30, 2025

https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program/five-star-and-urban-waters

Awardee Profile

New Roots Urban Farm Creating Urban Agricultural Space in St. Louis, MO

AMOUNT: $74,900
YEAR: 2024

The funds will be used to convert a vacant city lot into an urban agricultural space that will support pollinator habitats, mitigate urban heat islands and manage stormwater runoff. The project will restore 2.5 acres, plant 300 trees, install 50 educational signs and engage 1,000 volunteers in restoration activities to promote stewardship and community conservation practices that protect and recover natural resources.

Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2025 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by supporting diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Funding will support a variety of ecological improvements, along with targeted community outreach, education, and stewardship, including:

- Wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration
- Wildlife conservation
- Community tree canopy enhancement
- Wildlife habitat
- Urban agriculture and community gardens
- Wildlife and water quality monitoring
- Green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off

Projects should increase access to the benefits of nature; reduce the impact of environmental hazards; and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach, and implementation. The funding agency expects that more than half of projects supported will engage underserved communities.

Projects should address at least one activity under each of the following program priorities:

- On-the-ground restoration: restoring and/or creating wetlands and coastal or riparian areas through such activities as:
    - Addressing key species and habitats and linking directly to established watershed and conservation plans
    - Addressing stressors through restoration techniques and green infrastructure practices
    - Creating and enhancing community agriculture spaces that support pollinator and migratory bird habitats
    - Developing/implementing trash and litter prevention programs
    - Developing public open spaces, creating or enhancing community parks, improving and protecting community tree canopy, and/or enhancing brownfield sites beyond required remediation
- Environmental outreach, education, and training: integrating meaningful outreach, education, and/or training into the proposed on-the-ground activities that advance local watershed and conservation goals through such activities as:
    - Engaging the public, particularly youth, in hands-on, outdoor experiences
    - Engaging communities in restoration at public areas for public health and recreation
    - Establishing or advancing a community science or water quality monitoring program

    - Improving understanding of damaging trash and litter impacts in local waterways that affect community health and local economies
- Community partnerships: projects involving five or more partners, including the applicant, through such activities as:
    - Directly engaging a diverse group of community partners to achieve ecological and specific educational outcomes
    - Demonstrating that the project will advance existing local watershed or conservation plans and/or proposing to foster and coordinate a diverse stakeholder partnership that develops and/or implements new plans
    - Identifying plans to provide training, partnership meetings, and presentations to build support for projects
- Measurable results: projects resulting in specific, measurable ecological, educational, and community benefits through such activities as:
    - Identifying measurable activities and metrics that clearly link to watershed and community outcomes
    - Documenting a high level of community engagement and understanding
- Sustainability: projects including a plan for maintenance and care beyond the project period through such activities as:
    - A commitment to community strength and long-term capacity to remain engaged as partners
    - Addressing any priority and/or at-risk species, habitats, or conservation actions identified in state wildlife action plans or other recovery or conservation plans
    - Directly connecting outcomes to community benefits of watershed restoration
    - Fulfilling or advancing priorities identified through local planning efforts
    - Developing restoration and stewardship approaches that contribute to pre- and post-disaster planning and resiliency of community water assets

Funding provided through this program is available nationwide; however, additional funding available will vary based on geographic priorities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $2.5 million is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities. Awards range from $30,000 to $60,000 with an average size of $45,000. Project periods span 12 to 18 months with a start date in late summer/early fall 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The ratio of matching contributions offered is considered during the review process, and projects are required to meet or exceed a 1:.75 match ratio to be competitive. Matching contributions must be non-federal in nature and may include in-kind contributions of staff and volunteer time, work performed, materials and services donated, cash or other tangible contributions to the project objectives and outcomes.

Additionally, partner contributions can serve as matching contributions and grantees for this grant program commonly use a large amount of in-kind matching contributions to reach this threshold by utilizing their community partnerships to generate match. Applicants are highly encouraged to contact NFWF for assistance in determining what qualifies as in-kind or any other matching contribution.

In addition, if not paid with requested grant funding, indirect costs may be applied as match by an applicant with a federally approved indirect rate.

To be eligible, matching contributions typically must be:

- Not paid by the federal government under another federal award
- Verifiable from the grantee's records
- Not included as matching contributions for any other award
- Necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives
- Allowable costs based on the program and funding source guidelines
- Committed directly to the project and used within the period of performance

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2025 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to advance pollinator conservation by protecting, conserving, and increasing habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators. The most competitive applications will demonstrate clear benefits to both the monarch butterfly and additional at-risk native insect pollinator species. Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, U.S. federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2025	$2.7 million	20
2024	$4.1 million	15

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $2.7 million
Match: Not required
Proposal due: July 8, 2025

- Priority will be given to projects that benefit the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators.

More information can be found here.

Awardee Profile

National Forest Foundation

YEAR: 2025
AMOUNT: $300,000

Funding will create seedbeds and improve habitat for monarch butterfly, rusty patched bumble bee and other pollinators at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Illinois. The project will improve 1,000 acres, collect 2 pounds of milkweed seeds, host 127 events, and engage 410 people.

Department: U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

FY 2025 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to advance pollinator conservation by protecting, conserving, and increasing habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators. The most competitive applications will demonstrate clear benefits to both the monarch butterfly and additional at-risk native insect pollinator species. Special consideration will be given to projects benefiting rusty patched bumble bee, Franklin's bumble bee, Karner blue butterfly, Dakota skipper, Poweshiek skipperling, and Mitchell's satyr.

The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund supports on-the-ground work to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators. Grant funding will support the following two strategies:

> A. Restore and enhance pollinator habitat, with an emphasis on regionally appropriate milkweed and a diversity of native nectar plants.
>
> B. Increase native seed and seedling supply, with an emphasis on improving the sustainability and affordability of regionally appropriate, local ecotypes (see Definitions section). All proposals must specifically address how the proposed project will directly and measurably contribute to the accomplishment of the Pollinator Fund's goals as outlined in NFWF's Monarch Butterfly Business Plan.

Proposals must include plans to restore or enhance a minimum of 80 acres in California or 500 acres in all other eligible states. For project ideas related to overwintering sites in California that anticipate preserving, restoring, or improving less than 80 acres, please contact the funding agency to discuss before applying. Acres may be counted from multiple sites; the sites do not need to be contiguous.

Since 2015, successful proposals have included a median of 1,000 acres and an average of 2,070 acres restored or enhanced. If a project is expected to benefit multiple at-risk native insect pollinator species, the applicant should list the relevant species and how they will benefit.

Priority will be given to projects that benefit the monarch butterfly and one or more native insect pollinator species that are federally listed, candidate, or proposed native insect pollinators. Projects proposed to benefit other at-risk native insect pollinators must specify habitat needs for those species and how the proposed work will support their breeding, nectaring, nesting, or other habitat needs.

Projects that incorporate outreach to communities, foster community engagement, provide technical assistance to landowners and land managers, and pursue collaborative management leading to measurable conservation benefits are encouraged. When possible, projects should be developed through community input and co-design processes. Additionally, projects should engage community-level partners (e.g., municipalities, NGOs, community organizations, community leaders) to help design, implement, and maintain projects to secure maximum benefits for communities, maintenance, and sustainability post-grant award.

All proposals must include Acres Restored or Acres Under Improved Management as one of the metrics. Proposals must include plans to restore or enhance a minimum of 100 acres in California or 500 acres in all other eligible states.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, U.S. federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Eligibility is limited to projects located in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

For all projects that are west of the Rocky Mountains, priority will be given to projects on or adjacent to monarch butterfly overwintering sites, BLM lands, and USFS lands.

Funding

In FY 2025, up to $2.7 million is expected for awards ranging from $200,000 to $300,000 through this program.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required. However, the ratio of matching contributions offered to grant funding requested is one criterion considered during the review process, and projects that offer a 1:1 match ratio with contributions from non-federal sources will be more competitive.

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