



**2021 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

Congress approved an apportionment of \$3,742,896 for the State of Iowa. A total of \$2,168,009 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects from one half of Iowa’s apportionment plus additional roll-over funding from 2020.

A total of 21 applications were received by the March 15, 2021 deadline. Grant requests for the 21 applications totaled \$2,448,809 for a variety of activities including general park improvements and development, campground enhancements, playgrounds, aquatic centers, and trails. (Some applications included aspects that fit into more than one of the previous listed areas).

A five member committee reviewed the 21 applications and scored/ranked them based on the following criteria:

- Relationship to SCORP Priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)
- Direct Recreation Benefits
- Provided Local Need
- Quality of the Site

Additional bonus points and penalty points are also included in the scoring system. They are based on such things as level of prior assistance from the LWCF; special features for the elderly and handicapped; minority populations served; degree of public participation and supports; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

On June 09, 2021 the Natural Resource Commission approved the ranking from the Review Committee. After the appropriation letter was received, it was determined that the top 18 projects were approved for funding.

**Ranked List of Land and Water Conservation Fund – City and County Grants**

Rank	Score	Grant Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Award
1	75.5	City of West Des Moines	Raccoon River Pedestrian Bridge	\$6,187,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
The Raccoon River Pedestrian Bridge will connect Raccoon River Park to Walnut Woods State Park. It will connect the city trail system to the larger regional system and will enhance the connection to nature via an overlook. The bridge will provide people with a new and exciting way of experiencing and exploring the outdoors. The LWCF funds will be used to create this new amenity.						
2	74	Clayton County Conservation Board	Osborne Park Campground	\$405,298	\$125,000	\$125,000
This project will utilize LWCF funds to initiate the site preparation phase for a new campground at Osborne Park, headquarters of the Clayton County Conservation Board. The site preparation will						

	include the clearing and grubbing of trees, construction staking, mobilization, surfacing, erosion control, and administrative costs. The completed campground design will include 14 pull-through RV sites with electric hookups, 6 back-in sites, 6 tent sites, a shower house, two shelters, a dump station, a playground, and connections to the existing hiking trail system. Sites will have crushed stone surfacing.					
3	71.8	Lee County Conservation Board	Pollmiller Trail Project	\$357,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	The LWCF project will replace an existing 2,725 feet stretch of the trail that connects South Park, a city park in West Point, with Pollmiller Park owned by Lee County Conservation. The asphalt trail was installed in the early 1990s and has deteriorated over time, creating safety and usability issues.					
4	70.2	City of Adair	Smiley's Splash Pad	\$525,490	\$50,000	\$50,000
	The project will consist of the development of a splash pad in the existing Adair City Park. An existing sand volleyball court will be redeveloped for the amenity. Many compatible park amenities exist for the splash pad amenity, including a campground, bathroom/showers, playground, community center, and others.					
5	70	Marshall County Conservation Board	Timmons Grove County Park Campground Enhancement	\$330,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Timmons Grove County Park is located in Marshall County. It is one of only two areas in the county that offers camping, providing 18 camp sites with electric hookup. However, only a single port-a-potty is available for toilet access for campers and daytime park users. A new shower house building would provide 4 handicapped accessible restrooms that each feature a flush toilet, shower and sink.					
6	67	City of Clive	Greenbelt Landing	\$5,000,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
	The project will create improvements and additions to Greenbelt Landing. Key aspects will include items to which LWCF Funds would be allocated including adding a wetland walkway, improvements to pedestrian and vehicular areas, renovations to the Special Events building, and the creation of a pond overlook.					
7	67	City of Glenwood	Glenwood Trail and Trailhead	\$749,354	\$100,000	\$100,000
	The Glenwood Trail and Trailhead is a key community project that will provide a safe route to schools, community recreation, and an active transportation link. This phase of the project will include 1.55 miles of trails which will connect athletic fields, the school, and provide a hub for the Frontier Iowa Trails Network.					
8	66.5	City of Des Moines	SW 1 <sup>st</sup> . Street Bridge Improvements	\$750,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
	Located at the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, the proposed SW 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Bridge Improvements will include resilient planter beds with green roof vegetation, modular bench seating, an open-air shelter, a dedicated multiuse trail corridor, hammock netted rest areas, and sculptural play features suitable for multiple age groups.					

9	65.7	Polk County Conservation Board	Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park	\$555,500	\$200,000	\$200,000
Copper Creek Mountain Bike (MTB) Park is a public park located between the City of Des Moines and Pleasant Hill along the Gay Lea Wilson Trail. LWCF funds will go towards building 4.4 miles of singletrack flow trails through the existing timber where restoration practices will occur for timber stand improvements and water quality improvements to Cooper Creek that bisects the site.						
10	65.6	City of Sheldon	Crossroads Park Trail	\$410,055	\$100,000	\$100,000
The project will create a one-mile loop around the Crossroads Park lake, tying into the Crossroads Pavilion Events Center and the existing 6.23 miles of the Sheldon Recreational Trail. The trail will be 10-foot wide, ADA accessible, and will be constructed of concrete for long term use and durability. It will be used year-round, creating space for physical activity and enhancing wellness.						
11	65	City of Farley	Farley City Park Legacy	\$348,071	\$75,000	\$75,000
The proposed grant project (Phase II) involves the addition of an all new, designated, 10'-wide, half-mile, concrete multiuse path that loops through the Farley City Park. The path also extends along the northern perimeter of the park in a semi-loop, and connects to 5th Avenue, the main entrance to the park.						
12	64.8	City of Keokuk	Keokuk Riverfront Trail	\$1,058,315	\$91,196	\$91,196
A 10-foot wide, 1-mile long trail will be built along the Mississippi River from Victory Park to the public boat launch near the south end of Mississippi Drive. Part of the project will involve reconstruction of an existing decades-old asphalt trail, while the remainder (2/3 mile) will be a new extension. It will connect Victory Park, Hubinger Landing, and the Verity Riverboat Museum. The LWCF funded portion of the trail will be within Victory Park.						
13	63.8	City of Creston	Creston McKinley Park Aquatic Center	\$1,613,315	\$100,000	\$100,000
The MPAC is a renovation of the existing two-bowl city swimming pool built in the early 1990's to become a county-wide municipal aquatic facility that is suitable to all ages. The project will be built in two phases over the next three to five years. The first phase is a stand-alone project that includes basic improvements, toddler slides, zero-depth entry, and an inclusive play structure/splash pad.						
14	63.8	City of Hudson	Hudson City Park	\$194,800	\$75,000	\$75,000
Hudson City Park is situated on a 2.066 acre square lot, in the center of town, that features several public amenities. Amenities include a shelter house, public restrooms, tables and benches, and accessible playground equipment. The cost of new playground equipment will be supported in part by the LWCF grant with the balance to come from the city budget.						
15	63.6	Hardin County Conservation Board	Pine Ridge Park Campground Waste Collection System	\$354,856	\$125,000	\$125,000
Construct a compliant wastewater collection system and treatment system for the Pine Ridge Park Campground. Wastewater will flow by gravity to the City of Steamboat Rock wastewater collection system. Waste will be treated by the City of Steamboat Rock wastewater treatment system.						

16	63	City of Polk City	Polk City to High Trestle Trail Connection – Phase I	\$236,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
<p>Polk City is located between the Neal Smith and the High Trestle Trail. The City in partnership with Polk County has put together a plan for the connection of these 2 trails in 3 phases. Phase 1 of the connection is slated to occur in July 2022. This connection will connect a future Intermediate Elementary School with a new Park Facility. The total cost of this phase of multi-use recreational trail is \$236,000.</p>						
17	62.4	City of Epworth	Epworth Splash Pad	\$187,715	\$75,000	\$75,000
<p>The proposed splash pad project is a zero-depth aquatic play area that encourages physical, functional and social development, gives hours of endless fun, encourages team and interactive play, stimulates and challenges all ages and abilities.</p>						
18	61.4	Black Hawk County Conservation Board	Hickory Hills Park Wastewater Treatment Facility Replacement	\$494,000	\$200,000	\$176,813.49
<p>This project will replace the old sewage lagoon at Hickory Hills Park, which was constructed in the 1970's, with a septic tank with mound soil absorption system. The goal is to replace the existing lagoon, which is well beyond the average life expectancy of 30 years, before a potential failure which would cause negative environmental impacts and would cause park closure.</p>						
19	60.6	City of Evansdale	Deerwood Campground Campsite Enhancement	\$318,000	\$75,000	-0-
<p>The project will provide full sewer hook-ups to 37 campsites at the Deerwood Park Campground in Evansdale. This is part of a larger overall project that will also provide water and electrical hook-ups to the 37 campsites. The park and campground is owned entirely by the City of Evansdale and managed by the Evansdale Park Board.</p>						
20	59.6	City of Tipton	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Plaza Pocket Park	\$290,000	\$75,000	-0-
<p>Applicant is proposing to construct a pocket park within the downtown area of Tipton on a current vacant lot at the intersection of US Hwy 38 and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This pocket park will enhance the downtown area with a planned splash pad, shade structure, outdoor seating and restroom. The new pocket park will greatly enhance the downtown area and provide a gathering space for residents and visitors.</p>						
21	55.2	Hamilton County Conservation Board	Golf Course Irrigation Pump	\$224,000	\$112,000	-0-
<p>The Hamilton County Conservation Board owns and manages the Briggs Woods Golf Course. The golf course uses a pump located on Briggs Woods Lake that irrigates the entire course using water supplied from the lake. The existing irrigation pump system is in need of replacement as it is slowly falling in toward the lake. LWCF funds will be used to replace it with a new low maintenance system.</p>						