



2022 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Congress approved an apportionment of \$3,400,000 for the State of Iowa. A total of \$2,102,729 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 2021.

A total of 15 applications were received by the March 15, 2022 deadline; 12 of which were eligible for committee review. Grant requests for the 12 applications totaled \$1,474,614 for a variety of activities including general park improvements and development, campground enhancements, playgrounds, aquatic centers, and trails.

A five-member committee reviewed the 12 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 9, 2022 the Natural Resource Commission approved the ranking from the Review Committee. After the appropriation letter was received, it was determined that the top 12 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	79	Story County Conservation Board	Deppe Family Conservation Area	\$405,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
This project acquires and permanently protects 127 acres of undeveloped land three miles northeast of the City of Ames. The property will be named the Deppe Family Conservation Area. Story County Conservation has developed a Concept Plan for the property which identifies the following main goals: 1) increase the adjoining McFarland Park buffer from development, 2) increase Iowa native plant and animal habitat, 3) provide outdoor recreation, and 4) compliment the features of McFarland Park.						
2	78.4	Des Moines County Conservation Board	Big Hollow Park Accessibility Improvements	\$299,228	\$149,614	\$149,614
This project will add 18 new RV campsites next to the existing RV campground. It will also pave a fishing jetty (currently gravel surface), install sidewalks at the beach and to an existing kayak launch dock, replacing soft, natural surfaces and stairs with accessible paved routes.						
3	75.3	City of Des Moines	Stone Park Pickleball & Basketball Courts	\$547,271	\$200,000	\$200,000
The City of Des Moines intends to revitalize the existing 13-acre Stone Park, which is commonly referred to as underdeveloped in a predominantly low-income neighborhood. Currently, Stone Park has an indoor						

	recreation center, but lacks outdoor amenities. The City of Des Moines is seeking a LWCF grant to install pickleball courts, repair the existing basketball court, and add the necessary lighting.					
4	75.2	City of Winterset	Winterset All-Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	On approximately a quarter-acre site, an existing unsafe playground will be removed and replaced with a professionally designed all-inclusive playground. The \$1 million project will include play features, safety surfacing, drainage, signage, and a concrete access path. LWCF will be used to purchase playground equipment, perform surface excavation, install flat-work, and install materials.					
5	72.6	City of Tipton	4 <sup>th</sup> St. Plaza Pocket Park	\$240,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
	The City of Tipton is looking to construct a pocket park in its downtown area, at the corner of Hwy 38/4th Street. The reinvention of this vacant plot will help enhance our downtown area, increase outdoor recreation opportunities, and act as a social gathering space for the community and visitors alike. It will be equipped with an accessible splash pad, sheltered seating, and bathroom facilities.					
6	72.2	City of Laurens	Laurens Pool	\$2,492,620	\$75,000	\$75,000
	This project will construct a new 3,083 square foot concrete swimming pool at a local city park with a zero-depth entry, swimming lanes, diving tower, pool stairs for accessibility, and a new bathhouse and concession stand. The pool will be located in a city park near other City amenities and will be used for general swimming, swim team practices and meets, and adult swimming time.					
7	71.6	City of Cherokee	Cherokee Skatepark Project	\$267,160	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Construction of a 125' x 35' concrete skate/scooter/BMX bike park located on city-owned land along E. Main St. (Hwy. 977) in the City of Cherokee Iowa. LWCF funds will be toward the construction materials and labor costs.					
8	71.2	City of Bondurant	Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex Trail Connection	\$216,550	\$100,000	\$100,000
	The City of Bondurant will install a 10'-wide trail starting at the north park boundary of the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex then heading south through the park to connect to the existing paved trail around Lake Petocka. A separate project not part of the LWCF application will include installation of a trail crossing over Santiago Creek linking the neighborhoods to the park amenities.					
9	70.8	City of Farragut	Farragut Admiral Trail	\$566,310	\$50,000	\$50,000
	This project features the construction/rehabilitation of a 135' bridge on the Farragut Admiral Trail that would provide safe access over Fisher Creek on the trail corridor from Highway 2 to Farragut.					
10	69.8	Boone County Conservation Board	High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park, Division 1B	\$660,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	This application is for Division 1B of the paved trail, which is 1.2 miles entirely within Swede Point Park. The trail will travel along the east and north sides of the park and through the western portion to connect to the park road. From the southeast end of the park, the trail will connect to Division 1A, which will be constructed in 2022 and complete the connection to the High Trestle Trail.					
11	69.8	City of Dubuque	Chaplain Schmitt Island Trail Extension Project	\$443,516	\$175,000	\$175,000
	This project provides for building a 1,685 linear foot, 10 feet wide, multi-use trail extension that will promote the flow of visitors to the McAleece Park & Recreation Complex, and other outdoor recreation areas on					

	Chaplain Schmitt Island, providing bicyclist and pedestrians with an ADA compliant, off-road, multi-use trail on the island's south side where none exists currently.					
12	69.6	City of Washington	Wellness Park Soccer Field Improvement Project	\$207,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Install lights for the full-sized soccer field and construct a restroom and concession stand building.					