

Land and Water Conservation Fund

2005 Land and Water Conservation – City and County Grants

Congress approved an apportionment of \$1,120,524.58 through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to the State of Iowa for the 2005 grant season. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$560,262.29, is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 28 applications were received by the March 15, 2005 deadline. Grant requests for the 28 applications totaled \$1,911,603.56 for a variety of activities including general park improvements, pool renovations, campground developments, playgrounds, trail projects, and land acquisitions. (Some applications included aspects that fit into more than one of the previous listed areas.)

A five-member committee reviewed the 28 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 support; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

The top ten of the top eleven projects on the list were approved for funding by the Natural Resource Commission on May 12, 2005. The O'Brien County Conservation Board proposal was ranked second, however, their proposal received a Community Activities & Tourism (CAT) grant, therefore, the need for LWCF funding was no longer applicable. The eleventh project listed will receive partial funding.

Top ten of eleven applicants will receive funding:

Rank	Applicant - 2005	Project Description	Grant Request	Total Cost	Score (Average)	\$ Awarded
1	City of Stanwood	Municipal Park Playground Improvements	\$ 23,300.00	\$ 46,603.00	75.80	\$23,300.00
2	O'Brien County Conservation Board	Prairie Heritage Center	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 505,000.00	73.00	\$0**
3	Louisa County Conservation Board	Chinkapin Bluffs Park Development	\$19,637.00	\$39,275.00	72.40	\$19,637.00
4	Pocahontas County Conservation Board	Meredith Park Playground Complex	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	72.20	\$16,000.00
5	City of Luxemburg	Luxemburg City Park Improvements	\$23,978.00	\$47,959.00	72.00	\$23,978.00
6	Howard County Conservation Board	Lake Hendricks Campground Development	\$94,860.00	\$189,720.00	71.60	\$94,860.00
7	Polk County Conservation Board	Jester Park Natural Playscape	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 126,700.00	71.40	\$48,500.00
8	Woodbury County Conservation Board	Oak Ridge Acquisition	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 228,000.00	71.40	\$114,000.00
9	City of Lamoni	Lamoni Community Betterment Project	\$45,756.00	\$117,006.00	67.20	\$45,756.00
10	Poweshiek County Conservation Board	Jordan Acquisition Project	\$ 129,315.00	\$ 258,630.00	67.00	\$129,315.00
11	City of Clarion	Clarion Swimming Pool	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,437,000.00	66.70	\$44,916.29
12	Linn County Conservation Board	Squaw Creek Park A-Loop Campground Expansion	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	66.60	
13	City of Guthrie Center	Guthrie Center Aquatic Center	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,096,921.00	65.60	
14	City of Creston	Creston Skate Park Development	\$90,000.00	\$237,870.00	65.20	
15	City of Glenwood Park Board	Glenwood Lake Park Campground Project	\$86,733.56	\$148,588.50	63.60	
16	Lyon County Conservation Board	Lake Pahoja Camping Cabin Area Renovation	\$38,853.00	\$77,706.00	63.60	
17	City of Laurens	Laurens Campground	\$9,500.00	\$19,000.00	62.80	
18	Crawford County	Yellow Smoke Park Cabin Development	\$60,000.00	\$120,000.00	62.80	

	Conservation Board					
19	City of Clear Lake	Clear Lake Municipal Swimming Pool	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,435,500.00	62.20	
20	City of Sac City	Chautauqua Park Campground	\$20,335.00	\$40,670.00	62.20	
21	Madison County Conservation Board	Criss Cove Campground Project	\$30,030.00	\$60,060.00	61.60	
22	City of Coralville	Farmer's Market Pavilion and Pond Renovation	\$125,000.00	\$290,875.00	60.20	
23	City of Waukee	Sugar Creek Recreation Area	\$100,000.00	\$350,000.00	58.40	
24	Cherokee County Conservation Board	Silver Sioux Campground Improvement	\$ 63,196.00	\$ 129,392.00	56.80	
25	City of Carroll	Carroll Baseball Stadium	\$37,500.00	\$75,000.00	55.80	
27	City of Mason	Margaret MacNider Campground	\$150,000.00	\$500,000.00	53.50	
26	City of Tiffin	Tiffin Open Spaces & Preservation	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	54.20	
28	City of Rock Rapids	Riverbank Preservation	\$10,110.00	\$20,220.00	38.60	
			\$ 1,911,603.56			\$560,262.29