

2006 Land and Water Conservation Fund

Congress approved an apportionment of \$27,994,976.00 through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to the State of Iowa for the 2006 grant season. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$184,878.86, is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 21 applications were received by the March 15, 2006 deadline. Grant requests for the 21 applications totaled \$1,323,634.00 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 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 support; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

The top four projects on the list were approved for funding by the Natural Resource Commission on May 11, 2006. The fourth project listed will receive partial funding.

Top four applicants will receive funding:

Rank	2006 FINALS - Applicant	Project Description	Grant Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg.)	Grant Award
1	City of Rockwell City	Kids' Kingdom Community Built Playground	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 124,899.00	79.00	\$ 40,000.00
2	City of Dexter	City Park Multi-Purpose Recreation Project - Phase I	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 151,465.00	66.40	\$ 28,000.00
3	Black Hawk County Conservation Board	Big Woods Lake Campground - Phase I	\$ 84,400.00	\$ 168,800.00	66.20	\$ 84,400.00
4	City of Garner	Garner Municipal Aquatic Center	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 2,913,000.00	62.40	\$ 32,478.86
5	City of Melbourne	Melbourne Swimming Pool	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 570,348.00	61.60	\$0.00
6	City of Clear Lake	Clear Lake Aquatic Center Project - Phase Two	\$ 36,091.00	\$ 1,435,500.00	61.40	\$0.00
7	City of Manly	Manly Family Aquatic Center	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,403,300.00	61.20	\$0.00
8	Clay County Conservation Board	Scharnberg Park Playground	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	61.20	\$0.00
9	City of Rolfe	City of Rolfe Trailhead Park	\$ 93,222.00	\$ 124,296.00	59.80	\$0.00
10	City of Allison	Wilder Park Campground Improvements	\$ 43,151.00	\$ 86,302.00	59.80	\$0.00
11	Des Moines County	County Recreational Trail Development - Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	59.60	\$0.00
12	Cherokee County Conservation Board	Silver Sioux Recreation Area Revitalization	\$ 116,370.00	\$ 232,741.00	59.40	\$0.00
13	City of Creston	McKinley Park Revitalizations	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 202,192.00	58.60	\$0.00
14	Mitchell County Conservation Board	Cedar Bridge Park and Campground	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	57.20	\$0.00
15	City of Carroll	Carroll Skate Park	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	56.40	\$0.00
16	Carroll County Conservation	Riverside Park Renovation	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 39,000.00	55.80	\$0.00
17	Dallas County Conservation Board	Big Bend Wildlife Area (Hurst Parcel)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 412,288.00	53.80	\$0.00
18	City of Clinton	Eagle Point Park North Loop Playground Renovation	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,255.00	53.60	\$0.00
19	Newton Park Commission	Public Skate Park Facility	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	52.80	\$0.00
20	City of Eagle Grove	Eagle Grove Aquatic Center	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 2,995,066.00	47.40	\$0.00
21	City of Rock Rapids	Skatepark Improvements	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,866.00	46.80	\$0.00

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