

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

ITEM

DECISION

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Land and Water Conservation Fund - City and County Grants

The Commission is requested to approve the ranking of the project applications for the Land and Waters Conservation Fund Program, City and County Grants, and award grants to applicants in that ranked order and as funds are available. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal fifty percent cost share grant program. The funds may be used by Iowa's cities and counties for outdoor recreation projects and is governed by program rules adopted in Chapter 27 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

The Department received 27 applications by the March 14, 2008 deadline, comprising a total request of \$1,29,449.00 for over \$22M in projects. The five-member Review and Selection committee, comprised of three department staff and two persons appointed by the Director with input from the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, the Iowa League of Cities and the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association, scored and ranked the applications based on the following criteria, as established by rule: Relationship to SCORP Priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan); direct recreation benefits provided; local need; and quality of the site. In addition, the Review and Selection committee awarded bonus and penalty points, also as established by rule, based on such criteria 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 Department has not received the official grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, but anticipates that Iowa's apportionment will be approximately \$300,000.00. The Department intends to make one-half of Iowa's grant from the U.S. Department of Interior available to these applicants. The Department requests that the Commission approve the proposed rankings and approve the Department's funding of these projects in the order they are listed and as funds are available. The Department also requests the Commission to approve awarding funds to lower-ranked applicants on this list but not initially awarded, as funds may become available or are otherwise not utilized by prior awardees.

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Attachment: Ranked list of Land and Water Conservation Fund - City and County Grants

Ranked list of Land and Water Conservation Fund - City and County Grants
For 05/08/08 NRC Meeting

Rank	Applicant -2008	Project	Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg)
1	Linn County Conservation Board	A-Loop Expansion Squaw Creek Park	75,000.00	694,500.00	70.6
2	Tipton, City of	Tipton City Park Multi-Sport Courts	61,977.50	123,955.00	70.4
3	Waterloo, City of	Mark's Park	50,000.00	400,000.00	68.6
4	Burlington, City of	Flint River Trail (development of abandoned railroad right-of-way)	108,019.50	216,039.00	68.4
5	Dubuque, City of	EB Lyons Center Expansion	175,000.00	1,768,557.00	67
6	Union County Conservation Board	Twelve Mile Lake Campground Development	60,000.00	120,511.91	66.9
7	Corning, City of	New Corning Aquatic Center	75,000.00	2,202,000.00	65.4
8	Morrison, City of	Morrison Town Park Renovation	17,866.00	35,733.00	64.8
9	Carroll, City of	Carroll Aquatic Center Project	125,000.00	4,125,000.00	64
10	O'Brien County Conservation Board	Mill Creek State Park Renovation	60,000.00	120,000.00	63
11	Frederika, City of	Frederika Town Park Renovation	10,105.00	20,744.00	62.5
12	Britt, City of	Britt Municipal Aquatic Center	75,000.00	2,200,000.00	61.2
13	Luxemburg, City of	City Park Improvements	23,368.00	46,736.00	61.2
14	Des Moines County Conservation Board	Land Acquisition for Flint River Trail/Thye Woods Expansion	59,006.00	118,012.00	61
15	Stuart, City of	Stuart Aquatic Center	75,000.00	1,710,300.00	60.6
16	Rock Rapids, City of	Island Park Trail Extension	40,500.00	90,000.00	60.4
17	Grinnell, City of	Grinnell Family Aquatic Center & Lion's Park Development	100,000.00	5,971,000.00	60
18	Story County Conservation Board	Hickory Grove Park-Toddler Play Area	4,165.00	9,165.00	59.6
19	Buchanan County Conservation Board	Jakway Park Shower House	42,000.00	84,000.00	59.3
20	Wapello, City of	Install fishing pier	12,844.00	25,688.00	59.2
21	Waverly, City of	Brookwood Park Redevelopment, Phase III	50,000.00	120,000.00	59.1
22	Monona County Conservation Board	Huff-Warner Access Area Shower House Materials	46,000.00	92,000.00	58.4
23	Indianola, City of	Indianola Memorial Park Amphitheater & Restroom Improvements	125,000.00	267,000.00	57.6
24	Birmingham, City of	Birmingham City park Shelter House	50,000.00	138,000.00	57.5
25	Lyon County Conservation Board	Lake Pahoja Playground Structures	23,598.00	47,196.00	57
26	Mitchell County Conservation Board	Wapsi Great Western Line Trail	125,000.00	1,527,083.00	55.8
27	Carson, City of	Nishna Loop Land Acquisition	50,000.00	137,000.00	53.2