

2008 Land and Water Conservation Fund

Congress approved an apportionment of 312,279.75 through the federal Land and Water conservation Fund to the State of Iowa for the 2008 grant season. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$156,140.00 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 27 applications were received by the March 15, 2008 deadline. Grant requests for the 27 applications totaled \$1,719,449.00 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 27 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 two projects on the list were approved for full funding and the 3rd project for partial funding by the Natural Resource Commission on June 12, 2008.

Applicant	Project Description	Grant Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg)	Grant Award
Linn County Conservation Board	A-Loop Expansion Squaw Creek Park	75,000.00	694,500.00	70.6	75,000.00
Tipton, City of	Tipton City Park Multi-Sport Courts	61,977.50	123,955.00	70.4	61,977.50
Waterloo, City of	Mark's Park	50,000.00	400,000.00	68.6	19,162.50
Burlington, City of	Flint River Trail (development of abandoned railroad right-of-way)	108,019.50	216,039.00	68.4	
Dubuque, City of	EB Lyons Center Expansion	175,000.00	1,768,557.00	67	
Union County Conservation Board	Twelve Mile Lake Campground Development	60,000.00	120,511.91	66.9	
Corning, City of	New Corning Aquatic Center	75,000.00	2,202,000.00	65.4	
Morrison, City of	Morrison Town Park Renovation	17,866.00	35,733.00	64.8	
Carroll, City of	Carroll Aquatic Center Project	125,000.00	4,125,000.00	64	
O'Brien County Conservation Board	Mill Creek State Park Renovation	60,000.00	120,000.00	63	
Frederika, City of	Frederika Town Park Renovation	10,105.00	20,744.00	62.5	
Britt, City of	Britt Muncipal Aquatic Center	75,000.00	2,200,000.00	61.2	
Luxemburg, City of	City Park Improvements	23,368.00	46,736.00	61.2	
Des Moines County Conservation Board	Land Acquisition for Flint River Trail/Thye Woods Expansion	59,006.00	118,012.00	61	
Rock Rapids, City of	Island Park Trail Extension	40,500.00	90,000.00	60.6	
Story County Conservation Board	Hickory Grove Park-Toddler Play Area	4,165.00	9,165.00	60.4	
Grinnell, City of	Grinnell Family Aquatic Center & Lion's Park Development	100,000.00	5,971,000.00	60	
Stuart, City of	Stuart Aquatic Center	75,000.00	1,710,300.00	59.6	
Buchanan County Conservation Board	Jakway Park Shower House	42,000.00	84,000.00	59.3	
Wapello, City of	Install fishing pier	12,844.00	25,688.00	59.2	
Waverly, City of	Brookwood Park Redevelopment, Phase III	50,000.00	120,000.00	59.1	
Monona County Conservation Board	Huff-Warner Access Area Shower House Materials	46,000.00	92,000.00	58.4	
Indianola, City of	Indianola Memorial Park Amphitheater & Restroom Improvements	125,000.00	267,000.00	57.6	
Birmingham, City of	Birmingham City park Shelter House	50,000.00	138,000.00	57.5	
Lyon County Conservation Board	Lake Pahoja Playground Structures	23,598.00	47,196.00	57	
Mitchell County Conservation Board	Wapsi Great Western Line Trail	125,000.00	1,527,083.00	55.8	
Carson, City of	Nishna Loop Land Acquisition	50,000.00	137,000.00	53.2	