

2009 Land and Water Conservation Fund

Congress approved an apportionment of 359,544.00 through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to the State of Iowa for the 2009 grant season. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$179,772.00 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 12 applications were received by the March 15, 2009 deadline. Grant requests for the 12 applications totaled \$709,798.00 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 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 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 11, 2009.

Applicant -2009	Project	Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg)	Grant Award
Morrison, City of	Morrison Town Park Renovation (Phase II)	12,050.00	24,100.00	68.1	12,050.00
Dubuque, City of	EB Lyons Center Expansion	156,000.00	1,476,994.00	67	156,000.00
Des Moines County Conservation Board	Land Acquisition for Flint River Trail/Thye Woods Expansion	59,006.00	118,012.00	63.6	11,722.00
Stratford, City of	Stratford Youth Recreation Project	25,144.00	50,288.00	59.1	
Grinnell, City of	Grinnell Family Aquatic Center & Lion's Park Development	100,000.00	5,500,000.00	57.8	
Hamilton County Conservation Board	Little Wall Lake Campground	45,000.00	90,000.00	57.5	
Des Moines County Conservation Board	Big Hollow Recreation Area Site Facilities	146,000.00	292,000.00	56.4	
Walnut, City of	Walnut City Park Splash Pad	50,000.00	161,888.00	55.1	
Pocahontas County Conservation Board	Coopers Cove Restroom/Shower Complex	45,000.00	90,000.00	53.6	
Lee County Conservation Board	Pollmiller Park campground improvements	30,000.00	60,000.00	52.4	
Luxemburg, City of	City park improvements	24,923.00	49,846.00	50	
Vinton, City of	Vinton Trails, 13th Street Trail Segment	16,675.00	33,350.00	49	