

2010 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Congress approved an apportionment of \$504,845.00 plus \$110,008.82 available from previous closed grants making the 2010 allotment \$614,853.82 for the State of Iowa. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$307,462.91 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 6 applications were received by the March 15, 2010 deadline. Grant requests for the 6 applications totaled \$617,904 for a variety of activities including general park improvements, campground developments, playgrounds and land acquisitions. (Some applications included aspects that fit into more than one of the previous listed areas.)

A five member committee reviewed the 6 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 by the Natural Resource Commission on May 13, 2010. The third project list will receive partial funding.

Applicant -2009	Project	Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg)	Grant Award
Hamilton County Conservation Board	Little Wall Lake Campground	60,500.00	129,000.00	67.8	60,500.00
Polk County Conservation Board	Jester Park Bison/Elk Exhibit	67,500.00	180,000.00	65.6	67,500.00
Woodbury County Conservation Board	Bigelow Park Improvement Project	200,000.00	513,000.00	65.4	179,462.91
Linn County Conservation Board	Shaw Parcel addition to Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area	137,500.00	275,000.00	63.6	
O'Brien County Conservation Board	Mill Creek Lodge Renovation	27,404.00	54,808.00	63	
Carroll, City of	Graham Park Tennis Complex	125,000.00	480,526.00	61.6	