

## 2011 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Congress approved an apportionment of \$490,133.00 plus \$80,408.90 available from reapportionment funds making the 2011 allotment \$670,541.90 for the State of Iowa. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$335,270.95 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 15 applications were received by the March 15, 2010 deadline. Grant requests for the 15 applications totaled 1,045,754.50 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 15 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 five projects on the list were approved for full funding by the Natural Resource Commission on May 13, 2010. The sixth project listed will receive partial funding.

Applicant	Project	Request	Total Cost	(Ave)	Grant Award
City of Postville	Swimming pool renovation	\$75,000.00	\$300,000.00	69.6	\$75,000.00
Des Moines County Conservation Board	Leopold Recreation Area Acquisition	\$100,000.00	\$708,900.00	66.8	\$100,000.00
Polk County Conservation Board	Jester Park Accessible Outdoors Project	\$61,500.00	\$123,000.00	65.9	\$61,500.00
City of Clare	City of Clare Playground improvements	\$8,948.00	\$17,896.00	65.8	\$8,948.00
Evansdale, City of	Deerwood Park Playground Improvements	\$62,346.00	\$124,692.00	63.6	\$62,346.00
Story County Conservation Board	Dakins Lake Expansion - Phase I	\$93,000.00	\$310,000.00	63	\$27,476.95
Carroll County Conservation Board	Swan Lake Park Playground	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	62	
City of Cedar Rapids	Sac & Fox Trail Relocation	\$52,457.00	\$104,915.00	60.8	
City of Carroll	Graham Park Tennis Complex	\$47,053.50	\$395,053.50	60.6	
Linn County Conservation Board	Open Space addition to the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area	\$132,500.00	\$265,000.00	60.4	
City of Rolfe	Rolfe Bathhouse Construction	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	58.6	
Howard County Conservation Board	Minear Wildlife Area	\$98,000.00	\$198,000.00	58.1	
City of Dubuque	Bee Branch Creek Outdoor classroom	\$175,000.00	\$382,000.00	57.8	
City of Walnut	Walnut City Park splash Pad	\$50,000.00	\$277,000.00	56.4	
City of Schleswig	Campground upgrade	\$14,950.00	\$29,900.00	53	