

2012 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Congress approved an apportionment of \$553,685.00 for the State Of Iowa. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$276,842.50 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 14 applications were received by the March 15, 2012 deadline. Grant requests for the 14 applications totaled \$862,097.50 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 14 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 LWCR; special features for the elderly and handicapped; minority populations served; degree of public participation and supports; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

The top 2 projects on the list were approved for full funding and the 3rd on the list was approved for partial funding by the Natural Resource Commission on May 10, 2012.

Grant Applicant	Project	Grant Request	Total Cost	Score (Ave)	Grant Award
Dubuque, City of	EB Lyons Interpretive Area Addition	\$175,000.00	\$526,600.00	72.38	\$175,000.00
Renwick, City of	City of Renwick Park Improvements	\$34,838.50	\$69,677.00	71.5	\$34,839.00
Evansdale, City of	Deerwood Park Campground Improvement, Phase 1	\$75,000.00	\$198,001.60	69.8	\$67,004.00
West Des Moines, City of	Raccoon River Park Archery Facility	\$105,000.00	\$210,000.00	69.3	
Rolfe, City of	Rolfe Bathhouse Construction	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	68.8	
Crawford County Conservation Board	Yellow Smoke park Comfort Station and Cabin	\$64,465.00	\$138,930.00	67.2	
Mount Ayr, City of	Mount Ayr Aquatic Center	\$75,000.00	\$3,312,000.00	65.6	
O'Brien County Conservation Board	Mill Creek Park Playground Improvement	\$25,337.00	\$50,675.00	65	
Carroll County Conservation Board	Swan Lake Park Playground	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	64.75	
Cedar Rapids, City of	Sac & Fox Trail Section Relocation	\$52,457.00	\$104,915.00	64.2	
Osceola County Conservation Board	Willow Creek Bathroom Construction	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	63.7	
Burlington, City of	Perkins Park Shelter	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	61.6	
Carson City of	Nishna Loop Pedestrian Trail & Heritage Center	\$50,000.00	\$472,425.00	57.2	
Black Hawk County Conservation Board	McFarlane Park Shop and Well Relocation	\$75,000.00	\$200,000.00	55.6	