

2014 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Congress approved an apportionment of \$558,506 for the State Of Iowa. A little over one half of Iowa's apportionment, \$295,250 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 4 applications were received by the March 15, 2015 deadline. Grant requests for the 4 applications totaled \$295,250 for a variety of activities including general park improvements, campground developments, renovation of a pool, and playgrounds. (Some applications included aspects that fit into more than one of the previous listed areas).

A five member committee reviewed the 4 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 supports; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

On April 27, 2015 the Natural Resource Commission approved the ranking from the Review Committee. After the appropriation letter was received, it was determined that the 4 projects were approved for full funding.

Grant Applicant	Project	Grant Request	Total Cost	Score (Ave)	Grant Award
City of Dunkerton	Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park Development	\$50,000	\$100,904	72.4	\$50,000
O'Brien County Conservation	Dog Creek Park South Camping Facility Expansion	\$125,000	\$250,000	72.0	\$125,000
City of Correctionville	Renovation/Update Correctionville Municipal Pool	\$50,000	\$1,122,000	69.8	\$50,000
City of Evansdale	Angels Park Bridge	\$70,250	\$140,500	66.8	\$70,250