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SCPRT Grant Programs



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Land and Water Conservation Fund

LWCF is a federally-funded grant program administered by SCPRT for the acquisition and development of *outdoor* recreation areas

LWCF Funds may be used for Acquisition and/or Development

LWCF funds are available only for local or state agencies and Special Purpose Districts

Grants provided under the program require a 50% match and are reimbursable





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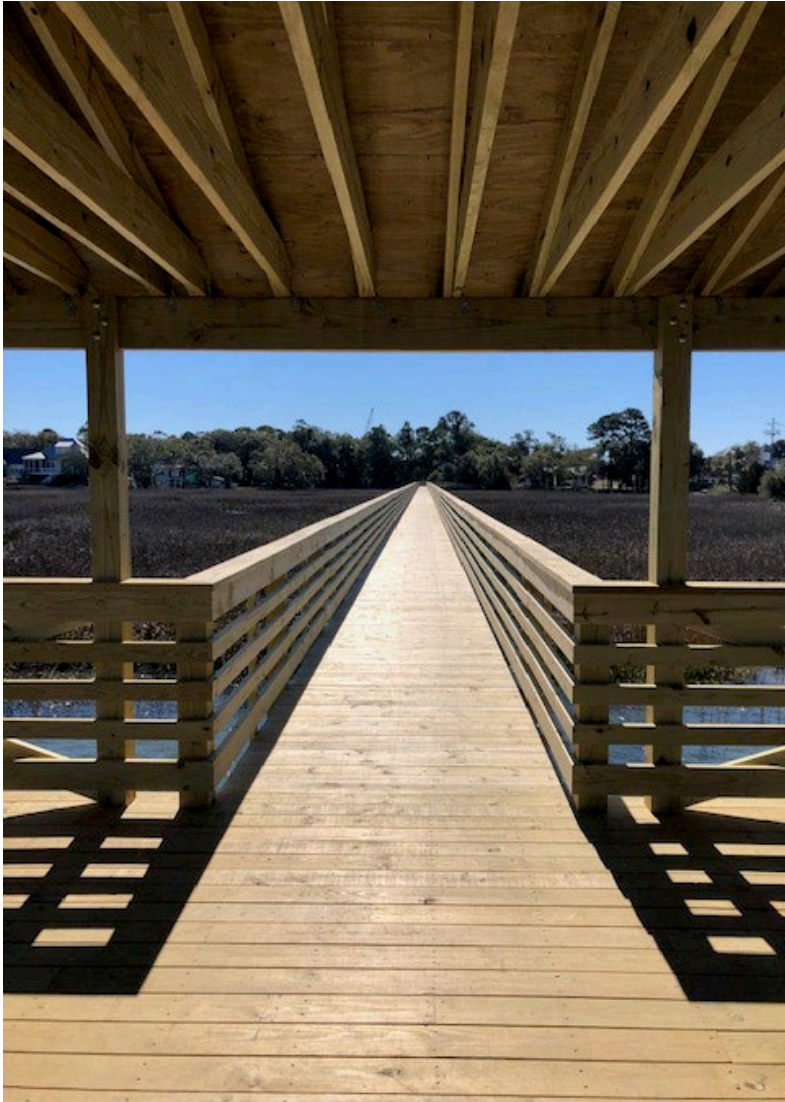
The minimum grant request is \$50,000 and the maximum amount is \$300,000. However, if the proposed project is determined to have regional or statewide significance it may be eligible for funding up to \$500,000.

Property must be owned outright by the applicant to be eligible for grant assistance.

Application Cycle will open August 7, 2023

Approximately \$8.6mm in funds available





LWCF Eligible Projects

- Acquisition Projects
- Development Projects
- Combination of Acquisition & Development



Acquisition Projects

- Public outdoor recreation *only*
- Must be fee simple that will allow the restriction of use in perpetuity
- Applicant required to have an appraisal prepared (at the applicant's expense) conforming to Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (Yellow Book)
- Appraisal must be reviewed by an SCPRT-appointed independent review appraiser (also at the applicant's expense) who must certify that the appraisal meets UASFLA standards
- Appraisal must be submitted with the application
- Applicant may not apply for more than half of the appraised value of the property, or the grant maximum, whichever is less



Development Projects



- Construction of new and/or renovation of existing facilities for outdoor recreation *only*
- Associated support facilities and infrastructure are eligible (*lighting, parking, roads, water/sewer, restrooms, etc.*)
- Certain indoor facilities supporting outdoor recreation activities in the project area may be eligible (*restrooms, visitor information kiosks, buildings that interpret resources of the project area*)
- Property developed must have adequate land tenure by the Application deadline and retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use



What is the LWCF grant period?



- LWCF projects are allowed a 24 month grant period
- Development projects must be complete and open to the public at the end of the grant period
- Acquisition projects must be developed and open to the public for outdoor recreation within 3 years of the property acquisition closing date





Other LWCF Requirements

Park inspections required every 5 years by SCPRT staff

Requires perpetual park management and must be attractive and inviting to the public

Previously funded projects must show that LWCF properties are in good condition and being used appropriately

LWCF sign must be posted on the property



Examples of LWCF-funded Projects in the Pee Dee

- Laney Landing Erosion Control – new dock/pier and parking for access to the river (Town of Cheraw)
- Freedom Florence Rec Complex – install new netting backstop systems (City of Florence)
- Byerly Park Playground – new accessible playground (City of Hartsville)
- Lake Darpo Acquisition – acquisition of land (Darlington County)
- Blanding Street Park – redevelopment of park (City of Lake City)
- Wallace Park – lighted & fenced baseball fields, press box/concessions (Marlboro County)



UNDISCOVERED GRANT



The Undiscovered SC grant program was established in 2014 to provide assistance to local governments for the creation or expansion of viable tourism products with the potential to add value to their communities.

The applicant must be a county or municipal government with total State Accommodations Tax distributions of \$900,000 or less.

The minimum grant award is \$100,000, and the maximum grant award is \$200,000.

This reimbursable grant requires a 1:1 cash match.



Recreational Trails Program

RTP is a federally-funded grant program of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that provides funds to states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities.

RTP receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used for nonhighway recreation.

The minimum grant amount available is \$10,000, with a maximum of \$100,000 for *Nonmotorized* trail projects.

OHV trail projects are eligible for the maximum amount of *Motorized* funding available.



Who can apply?

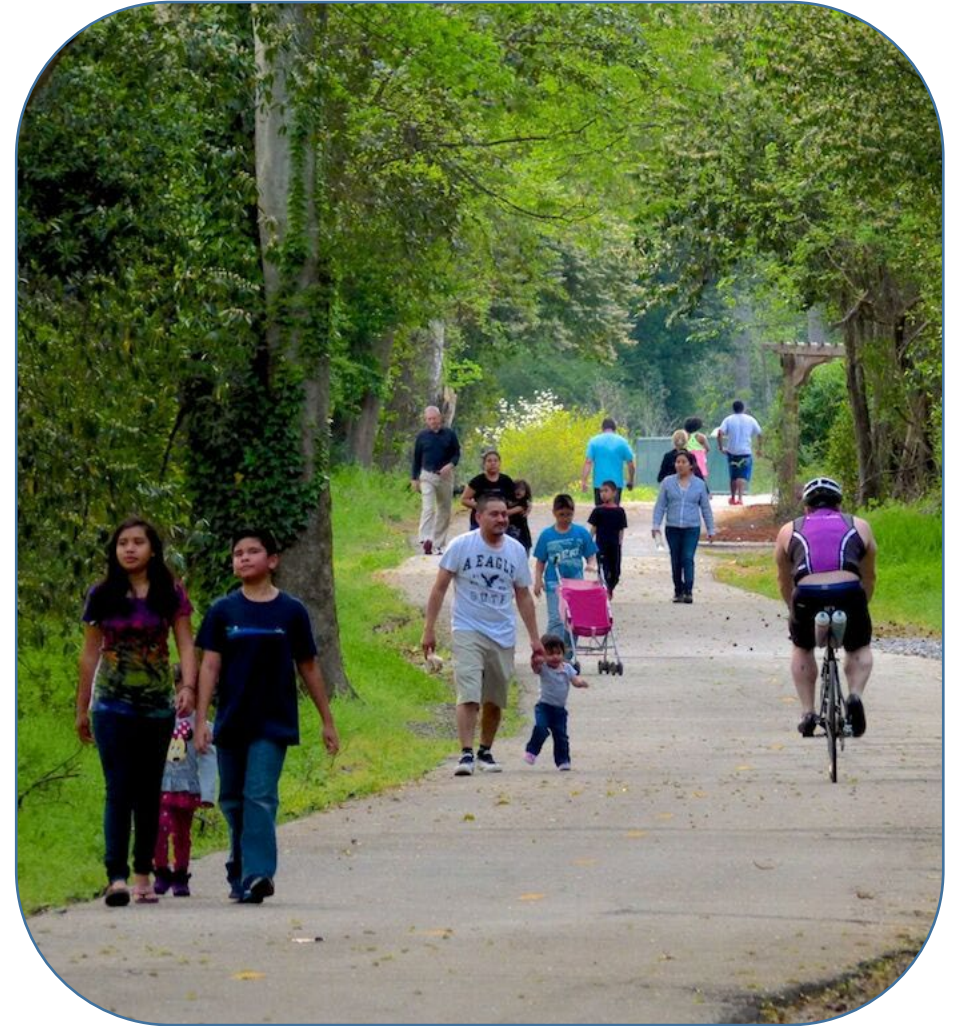
- Local, State and Federal agencies
- Established nonprofit organizations
 - Must be a registered 501(c)(3) organization and provide copy of IRS tax exempt letter
- Established for-profit organizations
 - Must be “in the business of recreation”

*Nonprofit and for-profit organizations must have at least one full-time employee and operate recreational facilities open to the public.

Eligible Projects

- Construction of new recreational trails
 - Hiking/walking
 - Cycling/mountain biking
 - OHV-use (ATVs and off-road motorcycles)
 - Kayaking/Canoeing
 - Horseback riding/equestrian
- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailhead and trailside amenities

SCPRT will begin accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) on Aug. 1, 2023.





Points of Interest

- RTP project agreement period is 18 months
- 25-year project compliance term
- Project sponsors must follow state procurement code and regulations
- RTP is a reimbursement grant that requires at least a 20% match — project sponsor pays 100% up front — RTP reimburses up to 80% of total project cost
- For more information, contact Neal Hamilton at (803) 734-0735 or nhamilton@scprt.com

PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND (PARD)

PARD funds are generated from bingo taxes collected from July 1 – June 30 of each new fiscal year

PARD funds are allocated to each county around mid July of each new fiscal year

Each county will receive at least \$20,000

75% of the remaining funds are distributed based on the county's percent of the State population as published in 'Current Population Reports' by the Bureau of the Census

PARD is a 80/20 reimbursable state funded grant program



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Each application must have the signed endorsement of its county legislative delegation members whose combined weight factor is more than 50%

Project Sponsor must have control and tenure of property, either own the site in fee simple title or have a lease/joint use agreement

Applications are approved the 15th of every month

Once a project is approved you have (3) years to complete and close out the project

Extensions will not be granted on approved projects. These funds will not be lost; they revert back to the county account.



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Who can apply?

Municipalities, County Governments and Special Purpose Districts

Duration of the project agreement:

Projects valued at \$5,000.00 or less: The agreement period will be for at least 5 years

Projects valued at \$5,001.00 - \$20,000.00: The agreement period will be for at least 5 years, plus one (1) additional year for each \$1,000.00 with a maximum of 20 years

Projects valued at \$20,001.00 and above: The agreement period will be for 20 years

Agencies that break leases or disregard any portions of the agreements on approved projects concerning the maintenance, operation and use, will be deemed ineligible for future PARD funds until these discrepancies are rectified.

PARD Eligible Projects

Development – new construction or renovations

Planning (conceptual designs and master plans)



Ineligible Projects for Development and Renovation

- Museums, theaters, childcare facilities, meeting halls, libraries, retirement and senior citizen facilities and administrative offices are not eligible for PARD funding. Permit costs associated with construction are not eligible. Any construction or maintenance equipment and tools are not eligible (i.e. lawnmowers, hammers, saw, gloves).
- There are numerous projects, that fall into a gray area depending on the intent or location of the project. Projects such as the installation of benches, decorative fountains, monuments and memorials, walkways and beautification of public property, may or may not be eligible depending on the specific project. SCPRT staff will make determinations on a case-by-case basis.



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The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism administers several grant programs ranging from development of public recreational opportunities throughout the state to marketing support for qualified nonprofit organizations.

Recreation

Tourism

Beach Renourishment Funding Assistance Grant Program

A grant that provides funding assistance to local governments in South Carolina for beach renourishment.

Destination-Specific Tourism Marketing Grant

SCPRT offers destination-specific marketing grants to qualified tourism partners.

Emerging Destination Marketing Grant Program

A grant that supports advertising activities for emerging destinations in South Carolina.

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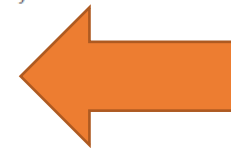
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