

# Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program

## Rating Form for Staff Evaluation Committee and ORTAB

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Applicant/Sponsor Name:

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Project Type

- ☐ Development  
☐ Acquisition  
☐ Combination

Project Name:

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Total Project Cost:

Estimated Completion Date:

LWCF Grant Request:

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### Section I. Qualifying Criteria

The following are basic eligibility requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. A response of NO to any of the following questions will automatically disqualify an application.

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| 1. | Is the project type identified in the SCORP as a priority?  | YES | NO |
| 2. | Is the application submitted by one of the following entities?<br><input type="checkbox"/> State agency with authority to provide outdoor recreation services on public lands, or<br><input type="checkbox"/> Regional or local government with authority to provide outdoor recreation services on public lands.<br>(Provide documentation to verify authority.) | YES | NO |
| 3. | If a development project, is the land currently owned by the sponsor?<br>(Provide documentation to verify land ownership.)  | YES | NO |
| 4. | If applicable, have all past LWCF compliance problems been resolved?  | YES | NO |
| 5. | Does the applicant have a current Section 504 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan or be willing to prepare one prior to receiving a grant?  | YES | NO |
| 6. | Will project development be accessible to persons with disabilities?  | YES | NO |
| 7. | Is the local/regional grant request between \$25,000 and \$125,000?   | YES | NO |

**If all of the above were answered YES, proceed to Section II: Scoring.  
If any were answered NO, stop here. The project is not eligible.**

## Section II. Scoring

SEC or ORTAB members will evaluate all criteria based on information provided by the project sponsor in the preliminary application. It is up to the applicant to address all criteria in the project narrative and document adequately.

### 1. Need identified in Alaska's current *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*.

Project type (ball field, playground, etc.) must meet a priority recreation need in the current *SCORP*.

#### A. Meets needs identified in current *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*, Chapter 6.

1. Project type is identified as HIGH PRIORITY. (55 points)
2. Project type is identified as MEDIUM PRIORITY. (36 points)
3. Project type is identified as LOW PRIORITY. (18 points)
4. Project type is not identified in the *SCORP*. (0 points)

### 2. Local Recreation Management. This section measures the local need and support for the project, as well as the ability of the applicant to care for the project after it is constructed.

#### A. Local Plan: Does the sponsor have a local short- or long-range plan that identifies the project?

1. Project is adequately identified in the plan as a major need in the community. (10 points)
2. Community planning documentation of project as a significant need is marginal. (5 points)
3. Plan does not document need for the project or no evidence of plan. (0 points)

#### B. Public Participation:

1. Public input to proposal was actively solicited by project sponsor and public input was favorable to project. (10 points)
2. Public input to proposal was minimal and/or limited public support of project. (5 points)
3. No evidence of public participation in formulating proposal. (0 points)

#### C. O & M Capability -- operate and maintain project after development is completed:

1. Applicant has budget and staff for operation and maintenance of this project. (15 points)
2. Applicant has no staff, but has plan and long-term commitment from another agency or organization for maintenance and operation of this project. (8 points)
3. No evidence of budget, staff or plan for operation and maintenance. (0 points)

### 3. Project Specifics. The LWCF Act requires that projects serve the general public. Thus, we consider a project's proposed location, cost, and degree to which it will serve a full range of the general public.

#### A. Site Suitability: To gauge whether a proposed project will provide recreation opportunities commensurate with funding requested, evaluators will use the guide below.

1. Good location for intended use. Minimal site preparation needed. (No more than 40% of the budget will be used for site preparation.) (5 points)
2. Site requires extensive preparation, but there is no feasible alternative to the site. (More than 40% of the budget will be used for site preparation.) (3 points)
3. Site requires extensive preparation and there are feasible alternatives to the site. (More than 40% of the budget will be used for site preparation.) (0 points)

#### B. Proximity to the Public:

1. Project is adjacent to other public areas/facilities, is within walking distance of expected users, or can be conveniently reached by public transportation, and sponsor has demonstrated that this will significantly contribute to project use. (5 points)
2. Project is near or connected by trail to other public areas/facilities, or can be reached by most means of transportation appropriate for the type of site. Or, user may have to travel some distance to access the site. Access may be inconvenient for part of the population and may affect use of the site. (3 points)
3. Project is not near other public areas/facilities or the areas/facilities will not contribute to its use. Access to site is limited and inconvenient for a large part of the service population (0 points)

**C. Age Groups Served:** young children (approx. 0 – 5), children (6 – 11), youth (12 – 18), young adults (18 – 30), adults (31 – 60), elders (61 and over).

1. Project will serve 5 or more age groups. (5 points)
2. Project will serve 3 or 4 age groups. (3 points)
3. Project will serve 1 or 2 age groups. (0 points)

**D. Recreation opportunities for special populations such as low income, minority or the disabled.** (Applicant must describe how and document.)

1. Project will serve 3 or more special population groups. (5 points)
2. Project will serve 2 special population groups. (3 points)
3. Project will serve 1 special population group. (0 points)

#### **4. Other Considerations.**

**A. Per capita share of LWCF apportionment previously received by applicant.** (See “Calculations” sheet)

1. Applicant has previously received less than its per capita share. (10 points)
2. Applicant has previously received approximately its per capita share. (5 points)
3. Applicant has previously received more than its per capita share. (0 points)

**B. Environmental Impact:**

1. Project provides significant benefit to the natural environment, (i.e., reclamation of landfill to park). (10 points)

**C. Acquisition Projects Only:** Severe consequences will result from failure to act. ( i.e., natural resource removed from public access.)

1. Imminent threat of irretrievable loss of natural resource if not acquired, with no feasible alternatives. (10 points)

**D. Innovative Features:** Points will be awarded for innovative and creative aspects of project design or partnerships in funding. For example: (1) project has unique energy efficient components; (2) project introduces an innovative concept that reduces operation and maintenance costs; (3) design engineering offers a creative solution to a previously identified resource degradation; (4) donation of at least 25% of applicant's share of project costs from a partnering entity, etc.

1. Project has two or more innovative features. (10 points)
2. Project has one innovative or special feature. (5 points)
3. Project has no innovative or special features. (0 points)

**Total Points Awarded (Maximum Score: 150 points)** \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: Print Name		Title	
Signature		Date	

