



## As Project Sponsor, What Would Your Responsibilities Involve?

**Applying for Land and Water (LWCF) funding implies** the project sponsor's acceptance of general federal guidelines and requirements, the Land and Water program requirements, and Game and Parks guidelines and requirements. Let's break down the main components!

**Perpetuity Clause:** LWCF requires any land (project) that receives funding to stay in public outdoor recreation forever and a commitment from the project sponsor to provide resources for perpetual stewardship. Over time, the outdoor activities can change but must be for a qualifying outdoor recreation purpose. Any change to the boundary (encumbered area) will trigger a conversion (covered in a following paragraph).

**LWCF Acknowledgement Sign:** The park must have a sign which acknowledges the assistance provided through the LWCF program. This sign must be prominent and continuously maintained.

**Compliance Visits:** In order to assure compliance to the program, the site will be inspected approximately every five years by **YOU** – the Project Sponsor. We will email the inspection form with a reminder.

**Conversions:** If the property (or any portion) is permanently used for a purpose other than public outdoor recreation, a conversion process must occur. This requires providing replacement property at the project sponsor's expense that is of equal monetary and recreational value and new to outdoor recreation. This is a lengthy process, requires a specific type of appraisal, and approval from Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) and the National Park Service (NPS) prior to action.

**Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):** Project must comply with 2CFR 200.318 through 2 CFR 200.327.

**Public Access:** The area must be open to the public throughout the year at reasonable times, with some exceptions. Swimming pools can be closed seasonally and locked during off hours. Baseball fields cannot be locked unless appropriately signed notifying the public how and when they can reach someone to gain access. Sites can be off-limits for occasional limited events if proper notice is provided.

**BABA Compliant:** Materials must be BABA compliant which translates to American made. Projects under \$250,000 and five percent of any project can be non-BABA compliant. Project Sponsors can request a total project waiver on condition of non-infrastructure once a project is awarded; a waiver is not guaranteed.

**Temporary Non-Conformance (TNCU):** A park (or portions) can be temporarily closed for a civil purpose, however DPOR must be contacted to initiate the TNCU.

**Obsolete Facilities:** A funded facility/activity that is permanently closed and rendered obsolete needs the written approval of DPOR and NPS.

Contact us via email at [DNR.LWCFGrants@alaska.gov](mailto:DNR.LWCFGrants@alaska.gov) with any questions on project sponsor's responsibilities.