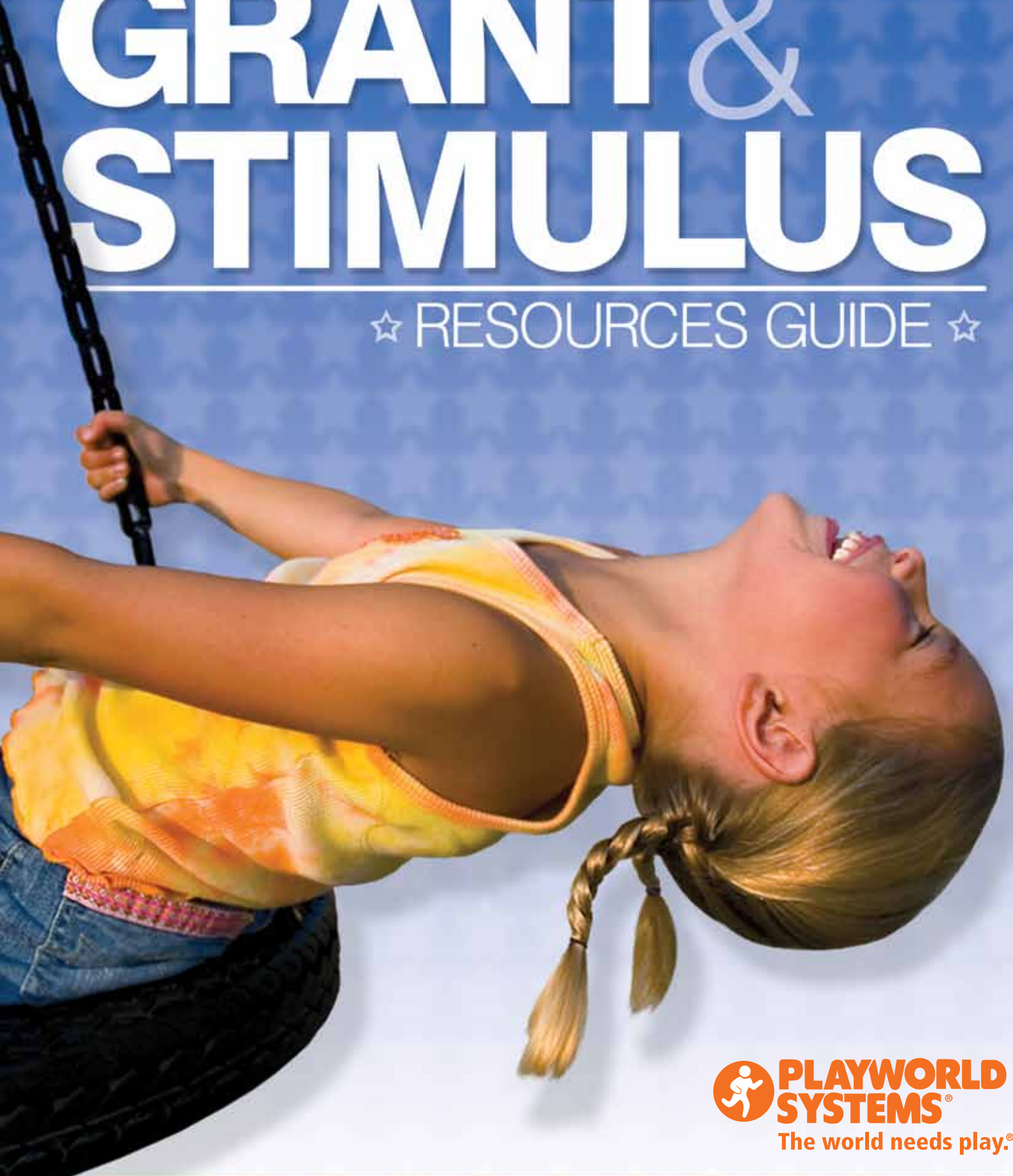


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INTRODUCTION

Your guide to playground planning starts with Playworld Systems.

For additional budgeting and planning information, visit us online at www.PlayworldSystems.com/Plan. We have brought together all of the helpful tools, need-to-know information, and expert tips you need to build a smart plan for play. You can also contact your local authorized Playworld Systems representative for more information.

The Grimes Group

If your organization needs professional expertise in the development and submission of your grant application, you may benefit from the consulting services of The Grimes Group at www.grimes-group.com or by contacting Eric Grimes, President of The Grimes Group at eric@grimes-group.com or by phone at (570) 412-5386. You may contact Eric Grimes for an initial consultation at no cost to your organization. The Grimes Group is a fee-based development corporation specializing in funding for non-profit and governmental organizations.

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NATIONAL RESOURCES

KaBOOM! Community Partnership Grants

DEADLINE: Rolling.

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit that envisions a place for children to play within walking distance to local residences in North America. In order to achieve this, KaBOOM! has created ongoing opportunities for community organizations to build a new playground or skate park. Ideal community partners are usually child-serving non-profit organizations, but can be community development organizations, neighborhood coalitions, schools or any organization that can mobilize a volunteer work force and is in need of new play places. Selected applicants will be awarded a project that will sustainably, but not completely cover the costs of building a new playspace. Therefore, eligible applicants include community partners that are able to raise additional funding towards the cost of equipment. After planning and support from KaBOOM!, the community will be able to build the playspace in one day with the help of community support.

WEBSITE: http://www.kaboom.org/build_playground/get_funding/grants

Tony Hawk Foundation for Skate Park Grants

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality, public skate parks in low-income areas throughout the United States by providing grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new skateboard parks and facilities. The foundation primarily considers funding for projects designed and built by qualified and experienced skate park contractors and that include local skaters in the design process, are in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of at-risk youth, can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, have a creative mix of street obstacles and transition/vert terrain, do not require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others, are open during daylight hours 365 days a year, do not charge an entrance fee, and are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities. If your proposed skate park is not located in a low-income area, if you are not able to illustrate strong community and grassroots support for the project, and if your project does not meet the criteria listed above, you are unlikely to receive a significant grant from this foundation. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 each. The foundation may also offer technical assistance on design and construction, promotional materials, training materials, and safety information; and facilitate support from vendors, suppliers, and community leaders. The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) public charity or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects). The foundation anticipates approving grant requests twice a year (spring and fall). Applicants may apply for a grant a total of two times. Grant recipients that have received no more than \$1,000 may also re-apply once. Visit the Tony Hawk Foundation website for complete program information.

WEBSITE: http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp

Safeco Community Grants

DEADLINE: None

Safeco partners with innovative non-profit organizations to find solutions to strengthen America's neighborhoods. They annually contribute millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours in support of that role. Safeco partners with non-profit organizations that promote neighborliness by bringing people together. They fund programs focused on: improving and creating neighborhood parks and gathering spaces; neighborhood beautification and clean-up projects; service learning projects that create or enhance community assets; community festivals that attract diverse audiences. Safeco makes grants in neighborhoods across the country, specifically in and around cities where their employees live and work. They are always open to great ideas regardless of where they happen. They encourage grant seekers to email comrel@safeco.com with a general overview prior to developing a fully realized proposal.

WEBSITE: <http://www.safecogives.com/grants>

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart contributed \$150 million to support communities and local non-profit organizations. Customers raised an additional \$75 million with the help of their stores and clubs. They accomplished this by organizing fundraisers and making grants to organizations that are making a difference in their communities. The cornerstone of Wal-Mart Good Works community involvement effort is their Community Grant programs. All requests for funding must be directed to the Good Works Coordinator at your local Wal-Mart store, SAM'S CLUB, Neighborhood Market or Distribution Center. Proposals mailed directly to the Wal-Mart Foundation will not be considered. For more information about the Wal-Mart Foundation, call them at 1-800-530-9925 or visit their website for further information.

WEBSITE: <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/index.jsp>

Hasbro Children's Foundation

Hasbro has a long and proud tradition of supporting children worldwide through a variety of philanthropic programs. We believe that every child is born with the sparkle of hope in their eyes and sometimes, because of life's challenges, that hope has been diminished. Our mission is to assist these children in triumphing over their critical life obstacles and to bring the joy of play into their lives. Through our philanthropic programs we work to bring "the sparkle of Hope, the joy of Play and the power of Service" into the lives of the children who need us most. The mission of the Fund is to assist children triumphing over critical life obstacles as well as bringing the joy of play into their lives. Through the Fund's initiatives, the mission is achieved by supporting programs which provide terminal and seriously ill children respite and access to play, educational programs for children at risk, and basics for

children in need. Interested applicants are asked to submit a letter of inquiry through the online system. Applications are accepted from nonprofit organizations around the world.
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,000-\$10,000 Deadline: Jun 1
PROGRAM CONTACT: Grants Administrator
E-MAIL: HCFinfo@hasbro.com
WEBSITE: <http://www.hasbro.org/default.cfm?page=grantmaking>

Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Grants

The foundation was established in May 2001 by Mark Wahlberg, a lifelong member and advocate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, for the purpose of raising and distributing funds to youth service and enrichment programs. Its mission is to assist youth in order to ensure that no child is limited or prevented from attaining their lifetime goal or dream due to financial circumstances. Nonprofit organizations serving youth in inner city areas are eligible. Deadline: Contact sponsor.
Program Contact: Rose Cortina (617) 454-1125
WEBSITE: http://www.markwahlbergyouthfoundation.com/grant_applications.asp

The Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation primarily makes challenge grants for building construction or renovation through its Bricks and Mortar Program. Grants are also given for the purchase of major equipment and real estate. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations in the areas of higher education, health care and long-term care, human services, science and the environment, arts and humanities, and public affairs. Governmental agencies are also eligible. The Foundation will accept proposals throughout the year, but only one per institution in any twelve-month period. Grants range between \$150,000-\$600,000. Visit their website for further information.
WEBSITE: <http://www.kresge.org>

Lowe's Charitable & Educational Foundation

Deadline: Open
Support for education and community improvement: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awards more than \$1.5 million annually to individuals and organizations across the United States. Founded in 1957, the Foundation's primary philanthropic focus areas include community improvement projects, education scholarships for trade disciplines and environmental initiatives that enhance the natural environment. The Foundation has a long and proud history of contributing to grassroots community projects. The Foundation considers large-scale requests and in order to address issues of importance to local communities, looks for support by local store and district management when reviewing proposals. The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c)(3) organizations in cities where Lowe's operates. Its primary philanthropic focus areas are: education, and community improvement projects (examples include projects at parks and other public areas, housing for the underprivileged and innovative environmental initiatives)
WEBSITE: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com>

RGK Foundation Support for Education, Community, Medicine/Health

DEADLINE: None
RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Medicine/Health. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading/literacy), after-school tutoring and enrichment, integrating technology into curriculum, teacher development, and higher education. The Foundation is particularly interested in programs that attract female and minority students into the fields of mathematics, science, and technology. Within Community, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services programs, youth development programs, community improvement programs, and cultural arts programs. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include early childhood development, parenting education, domestic violence, and child abuse prevention. The Foundation supports youth development programs that work to build character, leadership and social skills. The Foundation is interested in supporting community improvement projects that enhance non-profit management and promote philanthropy and voluntarism. Cultural arts programs supported by the Foundation include educational and outreach activities of arts organizations. The Foundation's current interests in the area of Medicine/Health include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS.
WEBSITE: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/grants>

Qwest Foundation: Qwest for Communities

The Qwest Foundation awards grants that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs, including K-12 education and economic development. They encourage you to learn more about the Foundation and request funding for your program. Qwest is committed to playing an active role within the communities they serve. It's their Spirit of Service in action—a significant part of their history and who they are today. The Qwest Foundation seeks to: Support community-based development programs that promote economic growth. Support community programs that build the capacity of organizations to provide service.
WEBSITE: <http://aboutqwest.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Foundation/qwestFoundation.jsp>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth and Education General Grantmaking

DEADLINES: None
For the Youth and Education team, an overall goal and two strategies provide primary programming guidance. Goal: Support healthy infant, child, and youth development by mobilizing, strengthening, and aligning systems that affect children's learning. Strategy 1: Mobilize youth, families, and communities to influence institutions and policies that impact

learning and achievement for vulnerable children and youth. Strategy 2: Forge partnerships between education institutions and communities to promote learning, academic performance, and workforce preparation among vulnerable young people. The Youth and Education team is interested in receiving concept papers or proposals on projects that address the goal and/or strategies in innovative ways. These projects include creative local models that have strong potential to be applied more widely--including statewide, regionally, or nationally.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wkkf.org/grants/for-grantseekers.aspx>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Their goal is clear: To help Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need. Through their investments in their grantees, they seek to improve the health and health care of all Americans. In 2008, they awarded approximately \$520 million in grants that fell within seven program areas. Building Human Capital , Childhood Obesity, Coverage , Pioneer , Public Health, Quality/Equality , and Vulnerable Populations

WEBSITE: <http://www.rwjf.org/grants/pg.jsp>

The Center for Health & Health Care in Schools

The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (CHHCS) is a nonpartisan resource center at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. CHHCS builds on a 20-year commitment to achieve better health outcomes for children and adolescents through school-connected health programs and services. The Center pursues this commitment by linking educators and health professionals to the information essential to building effective school health programs; testing new school-connected strategies to achieve better health outcomes for children, and promoting awareness of successful new directions in school-based programming. This site provides a Grants Alert List for current healthy children grants/funding available for schools. The first date is the posting date. Deadlines are given at the end of each listing.

WEBSITE: <http://www.healthinschools.org/News-Room/Grant-Alerts.aspx>

Allstate Foundation – Safe Communities, Economic Empowerment & Tolerance Grants

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs in the following focus areas: 1) Safe and vital communities; 2) Economic empowerment; and 3) Tolerance, inclusion and diversity. Under safe and vital communities, projects should address catastrophe response, youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization or teen safe driving. For the economic empowerment focus area, projects should address financial and economic literacy, insurance education or empowerment for victims of domestic violence. The tolerance, inclusion and diversity projects should address teaching tolerance to youth, ending hate

crimes or alleviating discrimination. Eligible applicants include non-profit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Award amounts vary.

WEBSITE: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx>

Bank of America Philanthropic Management

Bank of America established a national website through which non-profit organizations can research and apply for grants from nearly 70 foundations managed by Bank of America. In its role of distributing more than \$350 million annually to charities on behalf of the foundations for which it serves as trustee or grant-making agent, Bank of America Philanthropic Management now offers enhanced search and online access to detailed information about an array of foundations.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/grantmaking.action>

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Bank of America's signature philanthropic program, recognizes non-profit organizations and individuals working to improve their communities. The focus is on areas such as education, community development and/or neighborhood preservation, arts and culture, and health and human services. The Initiative's Neighborhood Builders category provides grants of \$200,000 each to two non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods in each of the Bank's 45 markets, which includes Philadelphia in Pennsylvania:

WEBSITE: http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

Bank of America Charitable Foundation: Corporate Philanthropy

Bank of America's charitable grantmaking program is administered by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. Local Grants: At the core of Bank of America's national philanthropic strategy is neighborhood excellence. It's a national strategy delivered locally. Bank of America's local grant making activities can and do vary, depending on what your local community needs. Our local market presidents and their teams develop relationships with other community leaders to determine the best use of philanthropic dollars in each community.

WEBSITE :www.bankofamerica.com/foundation. Click on Grant Programs

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Founded in 1948, the primary mission of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation makes grants that help states, cities, and neighborhoods fashion more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs. Visit their website for more information.

WEBSITE: <http://www.aecf.org/AboutUs/GrantInformation.aspx>

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Quality of Life grants, conceived by the late Dana Reeve, are awarded to programs or projects that improve the daily lives of people with paralysis, with some emphasis on, but not limited to, paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. She started the Quality of Life grants program to recognize and support organizations that help disabled individuals, their families and caregivers in ways that more immediately give them increased independence, day-to-day happiness, and improved access.

WEBSITE: http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFIG/b.4425935/k.6491/Quality_of_Life_Grants.htm

AT&T Citizenship and Sustainability

Eighty-two local community programs initially funded in 2008. In 2009, they contributed more than \$155 million through corporate, employee and AT&T Foundation giving programs. Historically, supporting education has been a major focus for AT&T, and education today continues to be our key philanthropy focus. They are driven to help students succeed – in school, in the workforce and in life.

WEBSITE: <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=7736> In Search Window, type in foundation grants.

Goodrich Corporation Foundation

The Goodrich Foundation was formed in 1988 to provide support to charitable organizations serving the needs of the public in Goodrich Corporation's United States headquarters and plant communities, to selected educational institutions and selected national groups.

WEBSITE: <http://www.goodrich.com/Goodrich/Enterprise/About-Goodrich/Goodrich-Culture/Goodrich-Giving>

Bayer: Science for a Better Life

The Bayer USA Foundation supports programs that enhance the quality of life, provide unique and enriching opportunities that connect diverse groups and ensure preparedness for tomorrow's leaders -- thereby, resulting in sustainable partnerships that continually improve communities in which Bayer employees live and work.

WEBSITE: http://www.bayerus.com/Foundation/Foundation_Home.aspx

Saucony Run for Good Foundation

The mission of the foundation is to encourage active and healthy lifestyles for children to combat obesity, and applications that involve running programs will be given priority consideration. The grants are open to non-profit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids which in turn will help them live longer, healthier lives. There are two grant cycles per year, with up to seven awards granted each cycle. Programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501(c)(3) status and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their

increased participation in running. Salaries and/or stipends can be included in the budget. Selection of grant recipients will be based on the following: Utilization of running participation for health and/or well-being in children; Serves youth populations not traditionally exposed to running programs; Demonstrates support and inspiration in creating a program that exemplifies the Saucony Run For Good Program's mission of inspiring the community of runners. MAXIMUM GRANT Reward: \$10,000. DEADLINE: June 13; December 12 PROGRAM CONTACT: Pat Oakley (800) 365-4933

WEBSITE: <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/how-to-apply/>

NFL Charities

Deadline: June 1

NFL Charities awards grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of youth education, recreation, and physical fitness. Both impact grants and partner grants are awarded. Impact grants support education, mentoring, or youth-centered programming with potential for national impact. Grants last up to four years and support program development, piloting, and implementation in school-based or youth-agency settings. Partner grants support nonprofits with established partnerships or previous grantmaking relationships with the NFL. Grants go to groups focusing on youth-centered educational and recreational programming. \$500,000 maximum impact grants; \$10,000 maximum partner grants. Program Contact:

Grants Administrator jointheteam@nfl.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.jointheteam.com/programs/programs.asp?c=6>

Campbell Soup Foundation Grants

Since 1953, the Campbell Soup Foundation has provided financial support to local champions that inspire positive change in communities throughout the United States where Campbell Soup Company employees live and work. The Foundation places particular emphasis on Camden, New Jersey, birthplace of Campbell's flagship soup business and world headquarters. The Campbell Soup Foundation focuses its giving on four key areas: hunger relief-supporting food bank organizations in the communities of operation; wellness-addressing the health of consumers in the communities where they live; education-leveraging the Campbell brand portfolio to support educational programs; community revitalization-enhancing the quality of life in the communities that Campbell operates in. The Foundation only considers applications that meet the following criteria: the proposal must fit one of the key focus areas; the organization must display strong and effective leadership; the proposed plan must be clear and compelling, with measurable and sustainable commitments expressed in terms of real results; the proposed activity must be sufficiently visible to leverage additional support from other funding sources. Deadline: Proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Contact sponsor.

PROGRAM CONTACT:

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR (856) 342-6423 or (800) 257-8443

FAX: (856) 541-8185
E-MAIL: community_relations@campbellsoup.com
WEBSITE: <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/Foundation.aspx>

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation provides direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness. The Foundation's goal is to provide grants to help many programs that are working hard to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids. For 2011, children's health and wellness grant applications will be accepted March to October and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

WEBSITE: <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

Finish Line Youth Foundation Grants

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Finish Line Youth Foundation supports youth programs that are effective and inclusive, funding opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, although the Foundation may occasionally make significant, larger grants to maximize funding impact in its interest areas. Applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$5,000

WEBSITE: <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

The Aetna Foundation Obesity Prevention Grant Program

DEADLINE: February 15, May 15, August 15, November 15

Learning more about the underlying causes of obesity can inform and shape effective population-based health and wellness programs. The Aetna Foundation wants to understand the contributors to obesity, particularly among minority populations, and what supports and sustains better choices that can stave off overeating and reduce inactivity. Grant-making in this area focuses on initiatives that create a better understanding of

the root causes of the obesity epidemic. Examples of grants we would support include projects and/or studies that identify causes of obesity and potential best practices for addressing obesity. Letters of Inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications are accepted in quarterly cycles with deadlines of February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$50,000

WEBSITE: <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html>



GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Urban Park & Recreation Recovery (UPARR)

Since 1978, the UPARR program awarded nearly \$272 million for 1,461 grants to 380 local jurisdictions in 43 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. UPARR grants provided recreation opportunities for all ages, all ethnic groups, and people with and without disabilities, senior citizens to at-risk youth, latchkey children, and young adults.

Types of recreation facilities rehabilitated through the UPARR program include:

- playgrounds
- recreation centers
- ball fields
- neighborhood parks
- swimming pools
- picnic areas
- tennis courts & basketball courts
- hike/bike/exercise trail

WEBSITE: http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/uprr/program_inbrief.html

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): States' Program

These grants are used to develop viable smaller communities and rural areas by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income.

This program focuses primarily on physical infrastructure improvements that promote community economic development. Funds are used for local neighborhood revitalization, economic development, provision of improved community facilities and services, acquisition of real property, infrastructure upgrades, and facilitation of homeownership, planning activities, and assistance to non-profit organizations for community development activities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/stateadmin>

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Entitlement Grants

These grants are used to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income.

Funds can be used for neighborhood revitalization, economic development, provision of improved community facilities and services, acquisition of real property, infrastructure upgrades, public service, and energy conservation.

WEBSITE: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/entitlement/>

DOI Urban Park & Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Program

The purpose of the program is to provide federal grants to local governments for the rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities, demonstration of innovative approaches to improve park system management and recreation opportunities, and development of improved recreation planning. Eligible applicants are cities and counties meeting the eligibility requirements as listed in the October 9, 1979, Federal Register and in 36 CFR Part 72, Appendix A. Eligibility is based on need, economic and physical distress, and the relative quality and condition of urban recreation facilities and systems. Jurisdictions which are located within standard metropolitan areas that are not on the eligibility listing may apply for discretionary funds provided that these grants are in accord with the intent of the program. These discretionary funds are limited to 15 percent of the funds available annually for rehabilitation, innovation and recovery action program grants. Amount \$8438-\$5.25 million rehabilitation grants; \$7000-\$1.1 million innovation grants; \$2750-\$175,000 recovery action program grants. DEADLINE: Contact Sponsor. PROGRAM CONTACT: National Center for Recreation and Conservation (202) 354-6900

FAX: (202) 371-5179

WEBSITE: http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/uprr/program_inbrief.html

Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF)

In 1965, the United States Congress passed legislation that was to become one of our nation's most important conservation initiatives: The Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Act. The Act clearly outlined a course of action to, 1) meet the need for increased outdoor recreation opportunities in the nation, 2) share in a federal-state-local responsibility to finance land acquisition/development projects, and 3) emphasize the need to provide for these needs in and around areas close to home.

L&WCF is funded primarily from a portion of the receipts from Outer Continental Shelf oil leases.

Its purpose is to acquire and/or develop and then preserve outstanding property in perpetuity for outdoor recreation. (LWCF Annual Report/assets/content/docs/LWCF_04_rev.pdf) Counties, cities, recreation districts, school districts, state agencies, and other non-federal public agencies authorized by law to provide recreation services. The program requires a 50 percent match from the grantee.

WEBSITE: www.nps.gov/lwcf

Recovery Act

Federal agencies offer more than 1,000 grant programs and access to approximately \$400 billion in annual awards. Note that federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. Rather, organizations can search and apply for grants from 26 different federal agencies through the Grants.gov site. For

grant opportunities related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, use the Find Recovery Act Opportunities option on Grants.gov.

Please note that to reduce the burden of the extra volume of grants resulting from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, select programs have been temporarily authorized to use systems other than Grants.gov to process grant applications. Once you have identified your grant opportunity on Grants.gov, be sure to carefully read the instructions to ensure you are following proper submission procedures for that application, even if you have applied before. Read Playworld Systems' tips below.

Interested in finding out which loans or benefits you might be eligible for? GovLoans.gov is a website designed to help you learn more about federal loans. The site will help you determine which loans may be right for you and where to find more information about them. You can also visit GovBenefits.gov where a screening tool will help you find government benefits you may be eligible to receive. The site also provides information about how to apply for those programs.

A large portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding will go to states, territories and tribes, which will in turn distribute funds through grants, contracts, subsidies, loan programs, etc. Be sure to check the list of State Recovery sites for a link to your state.

Federal Stimulus Guide

In an effort to rebuild our struggling economy, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is investing billions of dollars into national priorities like education and health care over the next two to three years. Your playspace project could qualify for these stimulus funds.

But applying for a stimulus grant can be a confusing and competitive process. Playworld Systems is here to help, with essential tips to guide you to a more successful application process.

REGISTER YOUR ORGANIZATION FIRST

To submit a grant application on behalf of your organization, you must first register with Grants.gov, the government's central access point to over 1,000 grant programs—including the stimulus programs. The process takes 3–5 business days but it is recommended you allow yourself four weeks to register in the event you experience any issues. Registration is a five-step process that can be completed entirely online with Grants.gov:

- Obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number.
- Register your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR).
- Complete your Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) profile and create your username and password.
- Confirm your AOR Authorization.
- Track your AOR status.

For complete information on this process and to begin

registering your organization, visit the Organization Registration page at Grants.gov.

SEARCH FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AT GRANTS.GOV

Once you have registered your organization, click Find Grant Opportunities on the Grants.gov home page to search all currently available federal grants. The site offers you many different ways to search; search by keyword, category, federal agency and more. Or click on "Find Recovery Act Opportunities" to search specifically for stimulus grants.

DOWNLOAD YOUR GRANT APPLICATION AND COMPLETE IT OFFLINE

Have you found a grant that's perfect for your organization? Great! At Grants.gov, click on Apply for Grants and then Download a Grant Application Package to download your grant application. Downloading the application allows you to complete it offline at your convenience and route it through your organization for review prior to submittal.

In order to download the Grant Application Package, you will need:

- The grant's Funding Opportunity Number (FON) or Catalog for Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number
- A compatible version of Adobe Acrobat Reader software
- PureEdge Viewer software

If your computer does not have the compatible Adobe or PureEdge programs, you can download and install them directly from the Download a Grant Application Package page.

Read the Instructions Carefully Before You Complete Your Application

Many grants have different application requirements, so carefully read all the instructions on your application before you begin. As you complete the application, be sure to save your work as you go by clicking the Save button at the top of the application. The application does NOT automatically save your work for you.

For more detailed instructions on completing your application, watch Grant.gov's helpful narrated tutorial at http://www.grants.gov/flash/AdobeReaderApplicationTutorial_skin.swf.

Auto-Check Your Application for Errors Before You Submit

After you complete your application, click the Check Package for Errors button at the top of the application. Correct any errors and hit Save. The system will not activate the Save and Submit button until the package has been completely corrected and saved.

To submit your error-free application, click Save and Submit at the top of your application and enter your Grants.gov username and password. You'll be directed to a Thank You screen, indicating that your application has been received. You will also receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of submission. The email will include a Grants.gov Application Tracking Number.

Track Your Application Status Online

You may track the status of up to five applications at any time by logging on to Grants.gov and clicking Track My Application. You can track your application(s) by:

- CFDA Number
- Funding Opportunity Number
- Competition ID

For more information on any of these tips, or to begin your grant application process, log on to Grants.gov. Or visit Recovery.gov to learn more about the Recovery Act and stimulus funding.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has “Buy American” provisions. Playworld Systems products are manufactured in the United States and comply with the “Buy American” provisions of all stimulus funds issued by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Contact your local Playworld Systems Representative to learn more.

WEBSITE: http://www.playworldsystems.com/design/find_a_representative

FEDERAL GRANTS

Grants.gov was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President’s 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public.

The concept has its origins in the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, also known as Public Law 106-107. Public Law 106-107 has since sunset and is now known as the Grants Policy Committee (GPC). For more information on the Grants Policy Committee, click here.

Today, Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards.

Grants.gov, the new online clearinghouse of Federal government-wide grant opportunities, was officially unveiled on December 9, 2003. For more information about Grants.gov, go to <http://www.grants.gov>.

STATE-BY-STATE RESOURCES

ALABAMA	IDAHO	MONTANA	OREGON
ALASKA	ILLINOIS	NEBRASKA	PENNSYLVANIA
AMERICAN SAMOA	INDIANA	NEVADA	RHODE ISLAND
ARIZONA	IOWA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	SOUTH CAROLINA
ARKANSAS	KANSAS	NEW JERSEY	SOUTH DAKOTA
CALIFORNIA	KENTUCKY	NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE
COLORADO	LOUISIANA	NEW YORK	TEXAS
CONNECTICUT	MAINE	NORTH CAROLINA	UTAH
DELAWARE	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	VERMONT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MASSACHUSETTS	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	VIRGINIA
FLORIDA	MICHIGAN	VIRGIN ISLANDS	WEST VIRGINIA
GEORGIA	MINNESOTA	OHIO	WISCONSIN
GUAM;	MISSISSIPPI	OKLAHOMA	WYOMING
HAWAI'I	MISSOURI		

ALABAMA

Alabama Power Foundation

The Foundation's many grants and initiatives are designed to help communities capitalize on their own strengths and seek new heights.

At the Alabama Power Foundation, they focus their resources on:

- Improving education
- Strengthening communities
- Promoting arts and culture
- Restoring and enhancing the environment

Every year they seek new ways to help improve education in Alabama by supporting innovative programs and assisting teachers in their crucial responsibilities. Read their Grant Guidelines at <http://www.alabamapower.com/foundation/guidelines.asp>.

They believe that an informed and active population is key to a vibrant community. The Alabama Power Foundation prepares communities for economic development through its support of museums, neighborhood revitalization projects and historic restorations — projects that can spur additional private investment in underserved and underutilized communities. They encourage the diversity of our communities by supporting a wide range of programs that represent the multicultural population of our state.

WEBSITE: <http://www.alabamapower.com/foundation/grantsandinitiatives.asp>

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The State of Alabama currently participates in the state-administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is administered in Alabama by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

ADECA has been administering the CDBG program since 1982. ADECA has awarded approximately \$700 million in CDBG money to fund nearly 2,000 projects. All projects must meet one of the National Objectives of the program – projects must benefit 51 percent low- and moderate-income people, aid in the prevention or clearance of slum and blight, or meet an urgent need. Types of CDBG funds: Competitive Fund, Community Enhancement Fund, and Planning Fund.

WEBSITE: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Community%20Development%20Block%20Gr/default.aspx>

Central Alabama Community Foundation

Each year, the Central Alabama Community Foundation distributes millions of dollars of grants that touch almost every aspect of life. Funds administered by CACF support programs, organizations and institutions throughout Central Alabama and across the country.

PROGRAM CONTACT:

Caroline Montgomery Clark
Vice President, Community Services

TELEPHONE: (334) 264-6223

FAX: (334) 263-622

WEBSITE: <http://www.cacinfo.org/cacgrants.html#>

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) was created by the Legislature in 1983. The Legislature indicated that a primary purpose of ADECA was to "encourage comprehensive and coordinated planning and programming of economic and community affairs". Over the years a wide range of ADECA programs have been administered with this purpose in mind. The department provides a single location where local governments, non-profits, and all citizens within the state can come for assistance with their community and economic development issues. By working together as a team, the divisions of ADECA can focus resources more effectively to address the many challenges that confront Alabama communities.

The site is a reference source of programs, the primary purpose of which is to assist users in identifying programs that meet specific objectives and to obtain general information on assistance programs. In addition, the intent of the listing is to improve coordination and communication between the Federal government, State and local governments, individuals, non-profits, and for profit organizations.

The site provides the user with access to programs as the notifications are identified and listed. Regular distribution of grant information will be sent to a list serve of recipients: city, county, state, non-profit and local offices will receive definitions of the types of assistance under which programs are administered, general proposal writing techniques, various grant application procedures and additional sources of information. ADECA is seeking to establish a method of identifying applicants for all grants, so that the citizens of Alabama can be assured that they are leaving no stone unturned when looking to generate economic growth for the state.

WEBSITE: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/About%20Grant%20Resources%20Online/default.aspx>

ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Social and Economic Development Strategies for Alaska (SEDS-AK)

ANA's FY 2010 SEDS-AK goals and program areas of interest are focused on strengthening children, families and communities through community-based organizations, Tribes, and Village governments.

WEBSITE: <http://www.act.hhs.gov/grants/>

For more information: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/index.htm>

ARIZONA

Arizona State Parks

The Grants Section of Arizona State Parks is responsible for managing eight Grant Programs administered by the Arizona State Parks Board. More than \$32 million is available annually to Arizona communities, resource managers and agencies to preserve and enhance Arizona's significant natural open space, cultural and recreational resources. To see past years' grant awards distribution, visit the Grant Award Recipient Library.

Programs include three components of the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund: The Historic Preservation (HP) Grant Fund Program, the Trails Grant Fund Program and the Local, Regional and State Parks (LRSP) Grant Fund Program. In addition to the Heritage Fund Programs, the Grants Section also manages the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program, the Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP), the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Grant Program, the Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) Grant Program, and the Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Fund Program.

WEBSITE: <http://azstateparks.com/grants/index.html>

ARKANSAS

CONTACT: Conservation and Information Services
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue Suite 350
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
TELEPHONE: (501) 682-3953
FAX: (501) 682-3991

WEBSITE: <http://www.anrc.arkansas.gov/GrantstoDistricts.html>

Through the signature Giving Tree Grant Program, Arkansas Community Foundation supports a broad range of projects with the potential for statewide impact and programs serving immediate local needs. Any 501c3 public charity, public school, hospital or government agency in the counties where they are making grants is eligible to apply. Typically grants are in the \$500 to \$5,000 range. Some statewide grants from the ARCF central office may approach \$10,000. Check the Foundation website for current opportunities.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$500-\$5,000

WEBSITE: <http://www.arcf.org/Grants/GrantProcessGuidelines/Giving-TreeGrants/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

CALIFORNIA

California State Parks
Office of Grants & Local Services
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
TELEPHONE: (916) 653-7423

FAX: (916) 653-6511

EMAIL: localservices@parks.ca.gov

WEBSITE: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1008

Peter Kiewit Foundation for community of Rancho Mirage, CA only

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes funding in the areas of the arts, education, children and families, community development, and health and human services. Funds can be used to construct a new building, purchase, renovate or remodel an existing building, purchase equipment, furnishing, or property, or operate a new or ongoing program. There are two grant programs offered: general purpose grants program and small grants program.

ELIGIBILITY

All organizations from the Foundation must have 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. Local government entities are also eligible to apply for funding. The organization must be in Nebraska, the part of western Iowa within 100 miles of Omaha, NE, the community of Rancho Mirage, CA, or Sheridan, Wyoming. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals, for-profit businesses, other private foundations, general fund drives or annual appeals, or any activity that could influence elections or legislation. For General Purpose Grants, the maximum possible funding that a 501 (c)(3) applicant can receive from the foundation is 50 percent of the total project costs; the maximum funding available to applicants that are political subdivisions is 25 percent of the total project budget.

DEADLINES

General Purpose Grants Program has no limitations on the size or duration of the grants that may be requested. The Small Grants Program is a program that funds from \$500 to \$10,000. Both grant programs are reviewed four times a year with application deadlines of Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 or Oct. 15

CONTACT: Peter Kiewit Foundation, 8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225, Omaha, NE 68114 T

TELEPHONE: (402) 344-7890

WEBSITE: <http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org>

Sierra Health Foundation

The Sierra Health Foundation invites applications for the Responsive Grants Program. This program focuses on improving health and the quality of life for Northern Californians. Projects include increasing physical activity among youth and education. A total of \$600,000 is available for grants up to \$25,000 each. Eligible organizations include nonprofits and public agencies in the foundations 26 county funding region. Specific counties can be found on the Foundation's website.

WEBSITE: <http://www.sierrahealth.org/doc.aspx?129>

COLORADO

Outdoor Recreation Grants

Grant applications are accepted as submitted and rated on their own merit. Trails Subcommittees review the applications. These subcommittees are comprised of one State Trails Committee Member, a Colorado State Trail Coordinator and five to seven volunteer reviewers. These volunteers span the spectrum of trail recreation and include enthusiasts, conservation groups and park professionals with local governments.

WEBSITES: <http://parks.state.co.us/Trails/Grants/GrantSelectionProcess/>

El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation, based in Colorado Springs, is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in the Rocky Mountain West. El Pomar contributes \$25 million annually through direct grants and Community Stewardship Programs to support Colorado non-profit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities and civic and community initiatives.

El Pomar Foundation

10 Lake Circle

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

TELEPHONE: (719) 633-7733

TOLL-FREE: (800) 554-7711

FAX: (719) 577-5702

WEBSITE: http://elpomar.org/page.asp?pageid=0|4|24&id=0|applying_for_a_grant

Colorado Health Foundation

The Foundation invites school districts to submit applications to increase the number of students who engage in moderate or vigorous physical activity by improving the quality of physical education. School districts would receive up to three years of funding for physical education quality improvement. Specifically, the school district would implement curriculum that aligns with the new Colorado Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards. Grants could support training, technical assistance, curriculum, equipment, fitness assessments, evaluation and project coordination.

DEADLINE: April 15, July 15 & October 15

WEBSITE: http://www.coloradohealth.org/pe_quality_improvement.aspx

CONNECTICUT

Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program Grants may be for the purchase of land that is valuable for recreation, forestry, and fishing, conservation of wildlife or natural resources.

ELIGIBLE PARTIES: Municipalities, non-profit land

conservation organizations and Water Companies.

Availability: Twice per year if funds available.

CONTACT: David D. Stygar - Land Acquisition

TELEPHONE: (860) 424-3016

WEBSITE: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view>.

[asp?a=2687&q=322332&depNav_GID=1511](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2687&q=322332&depNav_GID=1511)

National Recreational Trails Program (also known as RTP or Symms Act)

Construction of new trails, maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase or lease of equipment, acquisition of trail easements, and developing trail access for people with disabilities.

CONTACT: Laurie Giannotti

TELEPHONE: (860) 424-3578

laurie.giannotti@ct.gov

WEBSITE: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view>.

[asp?a=2687&q=322340&depNav_GID=1511](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2687&q=322340&depNav_GID=1511)

Citizens Bank Foundation: Charitable Grants Program

The Citizens Bank Foundation Charitable Grants Program supports non-profit organizations in the communities served by the bank in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The focus is on non-profit organizations that develop innovative responses to basic human needs, promote affordable housing, and encourage community-based services targeted to low- and moderate-income families, support community development initiatives that are catalysts for economically distressed areas, or target new ways to address issues of economic self-sufficiency. Requests are reviewed throughout the year. Visit their website to take the online eligibility test and review the application guidelines.

WEBSITE: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community> Enter Zip Code, Click on Corporate Giving, then Click on Charitable Grants

Hartford Foundation Regular Grants

The Foundation awards grants for a broad range of purposes to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in social services, health, education, early childhood and youth services, arts and culture, housing and neighborhood development, and other charitable fields in the state of Connecticut. These grants: enhance or strengthen existing activities; provide start-up for organizations and new programs; provide support for capital improvements. Interested applicants are encouraged to phone a program contact to discuss their project before beginning the application process. Nonprofit organizations in the following Connecticut towns are eligible to apply for funding: Andover, Avon, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury,

Granby, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Suffield, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks, Tolland, and Vernon. Proposals for statewide programs may be considered when there is a substantial benefit to residents of these communities. GRANT MAXIMUM AMOUNT: \$500,000.

PROGRAM CONTACT: Cheryl L. Gerrish (860) 548-1888 FAX: (860) 524-8346 E-MAIL: gerrish@hfpfg.org or hfpfg@hfpfg.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.hfpfg.org/GrantmakingPrograms/Overview/tabid/163/Default.aspx>

The LEGO Children's Fund Grants

The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. Focus areas include: early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects; and sport or athletic programs that concentrate on under-served youth. Priority is given to programs in communities where Lego operates with a special focus given to organizations serving Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Deadline: 4/15, 7/15, 10/15, 1/15

WEBSITE: <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

DELAWARE

Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund

Grants for Park, Greenway and Trail Projects

Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund

The Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund (DTF) is a matching grant program whose function it is to assist with park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development. The Trust Fund was established in June, 1986 as an investment of State funds keeping the Trust's principal intact. Trust-generated interest of \$1.5 million annually provides funds for the yearly DTF grant program. The \$1.5 million is divided equally between Park and Greenway projects. Also, annually \$1 million of Real Estate Transfer Tax is deposited into the Trust.

Eligible Grant Sponsors County and municipal governments and park districts are eligible to apply for matching financial assistance. Up to 50% funding is available for project sponsored by municipalities or counties; up to 75% funding is available for park districts. A project sponsor must provide a source of match which may come from the sponsor's budget, other grants the sponsor has secured, in-kind sources and donations.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of

Natural Resources and Environmental Control administers the DTF grant program. Every year, all eligible agencies are contacted requesting that they send the Division project proposals. After proposals are examined for eligibility and categorized as a greenway or park project, grant applications are forwarded to eligible agencies. Application due dates are specified at that time.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

DTF assistance is available for parkland, open space or greenway acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development projects. Sponsoring agencies must agree to dedicate the project site to public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity and assume responsibility for continuing operation and maintenance of the area. DTF grants have been applied to the purchase of new parks or conservation areas or additions to these existing lands. Funds may also be applied to the development of playgrounds, ball fields, trails, picnic pavilions, and other active outdoor recreation facilities. Funds for indoor projects or park operations and maintenance are may not be funded through this program.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Staff from the Division of Parks and Recreation is available to assist eligible agencies in numerous ways: determining outdoor recreation needs within a specific community; park design; facility development; and operational and maintenance recommendations. For more information about the DTF Program, visit their website at www.destateparks.com and click on the "Grants" link on the left column.

Delaware State Loans, Grants and Cost Share Programs

CONTACT: Bob Ehemann
Division of Parks & Recreation
89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901
EMAIL: Robert.Ehemann@state.de.us
TELEPHONE: (302) 739-9235
WEBSITE: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/services/Pages/Loans.aspx>

Citizens Bank Foundation: Charitable Grants Program

The Citizens Bank Foundation Charitable Grants Program supports non-profit organizations in the communities served by the bank in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The focus is on non-profit organizations that develop innovative responses to basic human needs, promote affordable housing, and encourage community-based services targeted to low- and moderate-income families, support community development initiatives that are catalysts for economically distressed areas, or target new ways to

address issues of economic self-sufficiency. Requests are reviewed throughout the year. Visit their website to take the online eligibility test and review the application guidelines.

WEBSITE: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community> Enter Zip Code, Click on Corporate Giving, then Click on Charitable Grants

Crystal Trust

CONTACT: Stephen C. Doberstein Executive Director,
Crystal Trust
P.O. Box 39, Montchanin, DE 19710
Phone 302-651-0533

GRANT TYPE:

Capital, emergency, and seed money for primarily Wilmington DE Area

TYPICAL RECIPIENTS:

Environment-general, Protection, resource conservation

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The trust does not use standard application forms. Detailed letters of request should be submitted. Letters should include a history of the applicant organization, organizational purposes and activities, information about the proposal and its priority within the applicant organization, certification of tax-exempt status 501(c)(3), and information on the governing group and finances of the organization.

DEADLINE:

Requests should be submitted by September 30 of each year. Early application is recommended.

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW:

Grant decisions are formulated by the end of the year. In unique cases, requests can be considered at times other than those specified by the trust. One-time support is preferred, usually for capital or for the needs of a program in its early stages. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000

FLORIDA

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The Grants Section administers grants to local governments through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). These are competitive grant programs which provide grants for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation.

FRDAP is a competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments for development or acquisition of land for public outdoor recreational

purposes. All county governments and municipalities in Florida and other legally constituted local governmental entities with the legal responsibility for the provision of outdoor recreational sites and facilities for the use and benefit of the public are eligible. The maximum grant request may not exceed \$200,000. FRDAP application packets are available at the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Information and Recreation Services, Mail Station #585, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000. For more information, call (850) 245-2501, e-mail to Angie.Bright@dep.state.fl.us.

WEBSITES: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/mainpage/res/gov.htm>

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/OIRS/default.htm>

The Florida Communities Trust

The Florida Communities Trust administers two state land acquisition grant programs that provide funding to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations to acquire parks, open space, greenways and projects supporting Florida's seafood harvesting and aquaculture industries. The source of funding for Florida Communities Trust comes from Florida Forever proceeds. Florida Communities Trust assists communities in strengthening local comprehensive plans through the competitive criteria in two grant programs, the Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program and the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Florida Forever Grant Program.

The Parks and Open Space Florida Forever grant program assists the Department of Community Affairs in helping communities meet the challenges of growth, supporting viable community development and protecting natural resources and open space. The program receives 21 percent, or \$63 million of the total \$300 million Florida Forever appropriation.

Department of Community Affairs

Florida Communities Trust

2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

CONTACT: Ken Reecy

TELEPHONE: (850) 922-2207

FAX: (850) 921-1747

E-MAIL: ken.reecy@dca.state.fl.us

WEBSITE: <http://www.floridacommunitiestrust.org/>

GEORGIA

Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites, the Recreational Trails Program

The state Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites, the Recreational Trails Program awards grants to city governments, county governments, federal agencies, authorized commissions, as well as state agencies. The United States Congress appropriates funding for

the Program, and the Federal Highway Administration manages the Program, but it is administered at the state level. In Georgia, administration is handled by staff of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites.

The purpose of the RTP is to provide and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities identified in, or that further a specific goal of, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Grants are generally awarded on an annual basis after the following process is complete: applicants submit their applications, Program staff rank the applications, the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee reviews them, the Director of the Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites reviews them, and the Federal Highway Administration approves them.

The State regulations governing the grant program are posted on the Georgia Secretary of State's website. (rules.sos.state.ga.us/docs/391/5/13/03.pdf)

You can view the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, as posted by the state Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites. Here gastateparks.org/net/content/item.aspx?mode=p&s=7507.0.1.5

WEBSITES: <http://www.gadnr.org>

<http://gastateparks.org>

HAWAII

Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP)

The Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) provides funding from the Land Conservation Fund for the acquisition of lands, including easements, for:

- Parks, Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access, Natural areas, Habitat protection, Cultural and historical sites, Open spaces and scenic resources, Recreational and public hunting area.

Grants from the Land Conservation Fund are available through Legacy Land Conservation Program to State agencies, counties, and non-profit land conservation organizations seeking funding to acquire property that has value as a resource to Hawai'i. County agency or non-profit land conservation organization grant recipients must provide matching funds of at least 25% of the total project costs.

CONTACT: Molly Schmidt, Legacy Land Conservation Program Coordinator

TELEPHONE: (808) 586-0921

EMAIL: molly.e.schmidt@hawaii.gov

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Legacy Land Conservation Program

1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

WEBSITES: www.hawaii.gov/dlnr
<http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/llcp/legacy-land-conservation-program/?searchterm=grants>
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/> - Many related US government sites listed

IDAHO

Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF)

In 1965, the United States Congress passed legislation that was to become one of our nation's most important conservation initiatives: The Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Act. The Act clearly outlined a course of action to, 1) meet the need for increased outdoor recreation opportunities in the nation, 2) share in a federal-state-local responsibility to finance land acquisition/development projects, and 3) emphasize the need to provide for these needs in and around areas close to home.

L&WCF is funded primarily from a portion of the receipts from Outer Continental Shelf oil leases. The grant is to acquire and/or develop and then preserve outstanding property in perpetuity for outdoor recreation. (LWCF Annual Report/assets/content/docs/LWCF_04_rev.pdf)

This federal grant program has been responsible for the acquisition, development, and improvement of over \$60 million in outdoor recreation sites and facilities in Idaho since 1965. Most of that money has been spent in city and county parks. Counties, cities, recreation districts, school districts, state agencies, and other non-federal public agencies authorized by law to provide recreation services. The program requires a 50 percent match from the grantee.

NOTE: They can e-mail applications to you in Microsoft Word. Request the documents by emailing recgrants@idpr.idaho.gov
 CONTACT: Dave Claycomb, State and Federal Grant Program Manager,
 Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
 P.O. Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-0065
 TELEPHONE: (208) 514-2430
 E-MAIL the Program Manager
 WEBSITE: <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/aboutus/grants.aspx>

ILLINOIS

Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

Outdoor recreation opportunities and open space are an important part of the quality of life enjoyed by Illinois citizens. The ever increasing need to provide quality, close-to-home recreation opportunities and open space is a difficult challenge for many units of government in Illinois. To assist in this effort, the Illinois Department of Natural

Resources (IDNR), Office of Architecture, Engineering and Grants, Division of Grant Administration, administers eight grants-in-aid programs to help local agencies in Illinois provide a variety of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

All the programs operate on a cost reimbursement basis to local governments or not-for-profit entities for approved project elements. Funding through these programs is competitively awarded on an annual basis based upon written applications submitted to the Department by specified deadline dates for each program. Applications for assistance are evaluated and prioritized by the Department for funding according to specific criteria and goals established for each of the programs and designed to make selection of projects equitable and responsive to statewide and local outdoor recreation needs. All grant assisted facilities must be designed to accommodate the physically disabled and be open to the general public without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or residence.

Projects vary from small neighborhood parks or tot lots to large community and county parks and nature areas. The state program is financed by a percentage of the state's Real Estate Transfer Tax. The federal program is financed nationally by revenue from OSOD leases.

Under both programs, funding assistance up to 50% of approved project costs can be obtained. Grant awards up to \$750,000 are available for acquisition projects, while development/renovation projects are limited to a \$400,000 grant maximum.

Development/Renovation of: picnic and playground facilities; outdoor nature interpretive facilities; sports courts and play fields; swimming pools, beaches and bathhouses; campgrounds and fishing piers; winter sports facilities; park roads and paths, parking, utilities and restrooms; and architectural/engineering (A/E) services necessary for proper design and construction of approved project components.

WEBSITES: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/>
<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newoslad1.htm>

Carver Charitable Trust

The Carver Charitable Trust awards grants to I.R.S.-designated, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Grants are not made directly to individuals, although some awards to institutions may be distributed to individuals in the form of scholarships and research funding. The Trust does not generally provide annual operating support or award endowments, although the Trustees realize that endowments are occasionally necessary to accomplish the long-term goals of a proposal.

The great majority of grants are given to organizations located in, and for projects to be conducted within, the state of Iowa and portions of Illinois, as well as to other organizations in which Mr. Carver had an interest during his lifetime. Generally speaking, the Carver Trust supports biomedical and scientific research, scholarships, and programs addressing the educational and recreational needs of youth.

WEBSITE: <http://www.carvertrust.org/>-- -Click on the file tabs in the middle of the home page for grant information.

INDIANA

Hometown Indiana Grant Program

The Hometown Indiana Grant Program Act was established in 1988 by the Indiana General Assembly and became effective on July 1 of that year. The program is a state matching assistance program that provides grants for 50% of the costs for the acquisition and/or development of recreation sites and facilities, historic preservation and urban forestry.

Appropriations to finance the Hometown Indiana Grant Program are determined every two years by the General Assembly. The biennial allotment is divided among the Department of Natural Resources Division of Outdoor Recreation, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and the Division of Forestry who respectively administer parks and recreation, historic preservation and forestry grants.

The Hometown Indiana grant applicants may request amounts ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$200,000. Application deadlines for the park and recreation category of Hometown Indiana are still to be determined. Applications will be available upon request from the Division of Outdoor Recreation once the grant round has been established.

To be eligible for the park and recreation category of the Hometown Indiana grant program you must be a municipal corporation as defined by Indiana Code, and have an up-to-date five year park and recreation master plan, or a comprehensive plan which includes parks and recreation development. The comprehensive plan must meet the same criteria as a park and recreation master plan. Either document must be approved and on file at the Division of Outdoor Recreation prior to approval of the Hometown Indiana grant application.

Grant applications for the park and recreation category may consist of land acquisition and/or facility construction or renovation. Both indoor and outdoor recreation facilities are eligible for the Hometown Indiana program funding assistance. Eligible types of development include:

- Natural areas, Interpretive facilities, Linear greenways and trails, Sports and playfields Recreation centers, Nature centers, Camping and support facilities

The HI manual serves as the guidelines and application. Please use this document to complete your application. The appendix has all the forms needed to apply. If you want to know more about the Hometown grant or to receive the application/guidelines, contact:

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State & Community Outdoor Recreation Planning Section
Division of Outdoor Recreation

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2782

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FAX: (317) 233-4648

EMAIL: bbronson@dnr.IN.gov

WEBSITES: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4068.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/2602.htm>

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Program

The Recreational Trails Program is a matching assistance program that provides funding for the acquisition and/or development of multi-use recreational trail projects. Both motorized and non-motorized projects may qualify for assistance. The assistance program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The Indiana RTP will provide 80% matching reimbursement assistance for eligible projects. Applicants may request grant amounts ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$150,000. Applications are available online or from the Division of Outdoor Recreation. If any changes are made to the manual/application they will be posted by February 1. Applications are due back in their office by May 1.

All units of government and agencies incorporated as not-for-profit corporations are eligible to participate.

Projects will be eligible if they provide public access to trails. Funds from RTP can be used for:

- Development and rehabilitation of trailside, trailhead facilities, and trail linkages, Construction of multi-use trails, Acquisition of easement or property for trails, Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (limited to 5% of State's funds), Providing stream and river access sites, Construction of bridges, boardwalks and crossings, Signage, Building of sanitary facilities and other support facilities (e.g., water fountains, etc.)

WEBSITE: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4101.htm>

IOWA

The Conservation and Recreation Division

The Conservation and Recreation Division administers several grant programs which provide funds for habitat and recreation development or land acquisition.

REAP City Parks & Open Space

City Parks and Open Space (15% of REAP funds) - This money is available to cities through competitive grants. Three (3) city size categories have been established to assure grants are distributed to all sizes of cities. The categories are cities with populations: less than 2,000; from 2,000 to 25,000; and greater than 25,000. Annual grant amount ceilings are also in effect based on size of cities to help assure that funds are distributed for projects located throughout the state.

POPULATION	MAXIMUM
10,001 - 25,000	\$125,000
25,001 - 50,000	\$150,000
50,001 - 75,000	\$200,000
Over 75,000	\$300,000
Over 75,000	\$300,000

WEBSITES: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/grants/index.html>
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/reap/cityopen.html>

These grants are 100%, so local matching funds are not required. This grant program is very competitive. Funds are not available for single or multipurpose athletic fields, baseball or softball diamonds, tennis courts, golf courses, and other organized sport facilities. Swimming pools and playground equipment are also ineligible. Parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments are typical projects funded under this REAP program. The DNR administers the city grant program. City officials appointed by the Director of the DNR help select which projects receive funding.

The amount of REAP grant money available to a city in any one year depends on its population. The population categories and respective grant amount ceilings are shown below:

POPULATION	MAXIMUM
0 - 1,000	\$ 50,000
1,001 - 5,000	\$ 75,000
5,001 - 10,000	\$100,000

Carver Charitable Trust

The Carver Charitable Trust awards grants to I.R.S.-designated, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Grants are not made directly to individuals, although some awards to institutions may be distributed to individuals in

the form of scholarships and research funding. The Trust does not generally provide annual operating support or award endowments, although the Trustees realize that endowments are occasionally necessary to accomplish the long-term goals of a proposal.

The great majority of grants are given to organizations located in, and for projects to be conducted within, the state of Iowa and portions of Illinois, as well as to other organizations in which Mr. Carver had an interest during his lifetime. Generally speaking, the Carver Trust supports biomedical and scientific research, scholarships, and programs addressing the educational and recreational needs of youth.

WEBSITE: <http://www.carvertrust.org/> -- Click on the file tabs in the middle of the home page for grant information.

Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Museums (history), higher education, community development, and neighborhood development (would include recreation). Types of support include capital campaigns, fellowships, scholarship funds, and matching funds. Nebraska and Iowa charitable organizations are eligible for grants. Application form required. Initial approach by letter of inquiry. One copy of the proposal is needed. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

CONTACT: Kimmel Charitable Foundation, 1248 O Street, Suite 792, Lincoln, NE 68508 TELEPHONE: (402) 475-1797
 Website: www.kimmelfoundation.org Click on 'Grants' on left side

Peter Kiewit Foundation

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes funding in the areas of the arts, education, children and families, community development, and health and human services. Funds can be used to construct a new building, purchase, renovate or remodel an existing building, purchase equipment, furnishing, or property, or operate a new or ongoing program. There are two grant programs offered: general purpose grants program and small grants program.

ELIGIBILITY

All organizations from the Foundation must have 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. Local government entities are also eligible to apply for funding. The organization must be located in state of Nebraska, the part of western Iowa within 100 miles of Omaha, NE, the city of Rancho Mirage, CA, or Sheridan, Wyoming. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals, for-profit businesses, other private foundations, general fund drives or annual appeals, or any activity that could influence elections or legislation. For General Purpose Grants, the maximum

possible funding that a 501 (c)(3) applicant can receive from the foundation is 50 percent of the total project costs; the maximum funding available to applicants that are political subdivisions is 25 percent of the total project budget.

DEADLINES

General Purpose Grants Program has no limitations on the size or duration of the grants that may be requested. The Small Grants Program is a program that funds from \$500 to \$10,000. Both grant programs are reviewed four times a year with application deadlines of Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 or Oct. 15

CONTACT: Peter Kiewit Foundation, 8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225, Omaha, NE 68114 TELEPHONE: (402) 344-7890

WEBSITE: <http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org>

KANSAS

For current grant information, contact the Parks Division:
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 SE 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124
TELEPHONE: (620) 672-5911
WEBSITE: <http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/KDWP-Info/Grants>

The Kansas Health Foundation awards Recognition Grants to improve the health of all Kansas citizens. Grants are due March 15 and September 15 each year.
Website: <http://www.kansashealth.org/> Click on 'Recognition Grants' at the bottom of the page.

KENTUCKY

Department for Natural Resources – Division of Technical and administrative Support for Grants
CONTACT: Nini Hughes (502) 564-6940, nini.hughes@ky.gov
Governor's Office for Local Development
Grants Program for Appalachian Communities
The \$200,000 "Gems of Appalachia" grants competition will provide funding to communities to promote sustainable tourism, preserve natural resources, support locally-owned businesses, encourage outdoor recreation, and celebrate their unique identity.
CONTACT: Cindy Lanham (502) 573-2382
Kentucky's ARC program is administered by the Department for Local Government (DLG). Additional details about the grants competition are available at ARC's website at www.arc.gov or you may contact DLG at 1-800-346-5606.
WEBSITE at www.arc.gov Click on Grant seekers at top right or Click on Grants on left

Kentucky's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program is administered by the Department for Local Government (DLG). Details about the grant competition at ARC

Website for ARC www.arc.gov Click on Grant seekers at the right top
WEBSITE for DLG dlg.ky.gov/ Click on Grants on left

LOUISIANA

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, passed by Congress in 1964, provides for Federal financial assistance for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreational land and facilities. Financial assistance is granted on a 50%-reimbursable basis. The project sponsor pays the total cost; after which, half of the cost will be repaid to the sponsor from Federal funds up to the LWCF allowable amount, minus an administrative processing fee.

The LWCF is administered at the Federal level by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. At the state level, the LWCF is administered by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation.

In brief, the LWCF program applies Federal funds as a match for local funding of recreation projects. Supported projects should be consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Program (SCORP), published on a regular basis that identifies recreational priorities for the State of Louisiana.

For the Federal Land & Water Conservation Funds Website and Application, visit <http://www.idctech.net/LARAm/RecreationalTrailsProgram>
By virtue of Governor Bobby Jindal's Executive Order 2008-5, the Recreational Trails Program now resides in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. This program provides federal funding through the Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

Additional information about RTP is available from the Federal Highway Administration or by contacting the Louisiana Recreational Trails Administrator at (225) 342-4435 or mdomingue@crt.state.la.us.
Louisiana Recreational Trails Program Application Faxed applications will not be accepted.
Website: <http://www.crt.louisiana.gov/parks/ioutdoorrec.aspx>

Division of Outdoor Recreation
Office of State Parks
P.O. Box 44426
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4426
TOLL-FREE: 1-888-677-1400
342-8111 in the Baton Rouge area
WEBSITE: www.nps.gov/lwcf

MAINE

The Grants and Community Recreation Division, in addition to its responsibilities regarding federal and state grant programs, serves as a resource for Maine cities and towns in matters related to community recreation. Information is available on organization and structure of municipal parks and recreation boards, recreation programming, and facility development. Division personnel also serve as liaison with the Maine Recreation & Park Association, the National Recreation & Park Association, and regional parks and recreation organizations.

Grants & Community Recreation Division Bureau of Parks & Lands

Maine Department of Conservation 22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

TELEPHONE: (207) 287-4962

EMAIL: mick.rogers@maine.gov

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund conserves wildlife and open spaces through the sale of instant Lottery tickets. With proceeds from ticket sales, grants are awarded twice a year, totaling approximately \$1.5 million annually. The seven-member Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board chooses projects in four categories that promote recreation as well as conservation of Maine's special places, endangered species and important fish and wildlife habitat.

Maine Trails Funding Program

Linking trails, acquiring easements and maintaining existing trails are just some of the uses of the Recreations Trails Program funds. Each year the Division of Grants and Community Recreation awards grants to non-profit organizations, municipalities, or state agencies.

MARYLAND

Maryland's Community Parks & Playgrounds Program invests in the future of established communities by revitalizing parks and playgrounds statewide. With the support of the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly, a total of \$39.9 million has been approved so far, to restore 388 park & playground projects.

In 2008, \$5 million in CPP FY 2009 funds were included in the Maryland Executive Budget for 44 new parks and

playground projects and have received funding approval by the Board of Public Works.

New Parks & New Life for Old Parks!

The Community Parks and Playground Program provides funding to allow the State to focus on restoring existing and creating new park and green space systems in Maryland's cities and towns. The Community Parks and Playgrounds Program will provide flexible grants to local governments to respond to the unmet need for assistance to rehabilitate, expand or improve existing parks, create new parks, develop environmentally oriented parks and recreation projects, or purchase and install playground equipment in older neighborhoods and intensely developed areas throughout the state.

If you have questions, would like to schedule a site visit, need technical assistance or have general questions about Community Parks & Playgrounds projects, these are the folks to contact.

CONTACT: James W. (Chip) Price Program Open Space
Tawes State Office Bldg.

580 Taylor Ave., E-4

Annapolis, MD 21401-2397

TELEPHONE: (410) 260-8426

FAX: (410) 260-8404

E-MAIL: cprice@dnr.state.md.us

WEBSITE: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/pos/cpp.asp>

MASSACHUSETTS

Recreational Trails Grants

The Recreational Trails Program provides grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000 on a reimbursement basis for a variety of trail protection, construction, and stewardship projects throughout Massachusetts. It is part of the national Recreational Trails Program, which is funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Funds are disbursed to each state to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. In Massachusetts, funds are administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), in partnership with the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board.

CONTACT: Amanda Lewis

Recreational Trails Program Coordinator

136 Damon Road

Northampton, MA 01060

TELEPHONE: (413) 586-8706 ext. 19

EMAIL: amanda.lewis@state.ma.us

WEBSITE: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/grants.htm>

Citizens Bank Foundation: Charitable Grants Program

The Citizens Bank Foundation Charitable Grants Program supports non-profit organizations in the communities served by the bank in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The focus is on non-profit organizations that develop innovative responses to basic human needs, promote affordable housing, and encourage community-based services targeted to low- and moderate-income families, support community development initiatives that are catalysts for economically distressed areas, or target new ways to address issues of economic self-sufficiency. Requests are reviewed throughout the year. Visit the website listed below to take the online eligibility test and review the application guidelines.

WEBSITE: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community> Enter Zip Code, Click on Corporate Giving, then Click on Charitable Grants

The LEGO Children's Fund Grants

(CT, MA)

The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. Focus areas include: early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects; and sport or athletic programs that concentrate on under-served youth. Priority is given to programs in communities where Lego operates with a special focus given to organizations serving Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

DEADLINE: 4/15, 7/15, 10/15, 1/15

WEBSITE: <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

MICHIGAN

WEBSITE: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

Click on 'Grants' under the dark green 'Quick Links' Bar on the right side for the Grants below:

Land & Water Conservation Fund

The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state to develop land for outdoor recreation.

Applications are evaluated using four criteria: project need, applicant history, site and project quality, and alignment with the state's recreation plan. In 2009, the fourth criterion is determined to be primarily trails, community outdoor recreation, green technology in outdoor recreation, universal access and coordination and cooperation among recreation providers. This criterion was developed based on the recently updated 2008-2012 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation

Plan (SCORP). At least 50% match is required from local government applicants. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS) on which applications to fund and NPS grants final approval. Detailed information on all four criteria can be found in the "Recreation Grants Application Guidelines" booklet provided with the application materials.

The DNR's use of federal Land and Water Conservation Funds is guided by the SCORP, which was developed by the DNR and approved by NPS. The current SCORP is being updated for 2008-2012. Projects selected for funding must be consistent with the content of the SCORP. Applicant ELIGIBILITY:

Any unit of government, including Native American tribes, school districts, or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts, and local authorities must have a DNR-approved community five-year recreation plan to be eligible. The minimum grant request amount is \$30,000 and the maximum grant request amount is \$75,000.

CONTACT: Grants Management/Deborah Apostol

TELEPHONE: (517) 335-3046

EMAIL: apostold@michigan.gov

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has been in place since 1976. It provides financial assistance to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase land or rights in land for public recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation.

As of January 2009, over \$700 million in MNRTF appropriations have been made for more than 1,200 state and local recreation projects. MNRTF-assisted project sites must be dedicated to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. The MNRTF plaque on a park entrance sign or facility indicates that the site received MNRTF assistance. Development project minimum/maximum grant amount: \$15,000 to \$500,000. No minimum/maximum limits on land acquisition grants.

Contact: Grants Management/Deborah Apostol

Telephone: (517) 335-3046

Email: apostold@michigan.gov

Federal Pass Through Funds

By federal statute, a portion of timber and mineral revenue generated from the national forests in Michigan is disbursed to the counties in which the forests are located. These revenues are paid to the State who in turn

disburses the monies to the counties. The counties are required by law (P.A. 182 of 1990) to distribute 75% of the funds to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships.

An application process is not necessary because the revenues are flow through and are disbursed in accordance with federal and State statutes.

CONTACT: Financial Services, Brandon Reed

TELEPHONE: (517) 335-3237

EMAIL: reedbr@michigan.gov.

Recreation Improvement Fund Grants

Recreation Improvement Fund (RIF) dollars are available for operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails, restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup. Projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

No limit on individual projects

CONTACT: Forest, Mineral and Fire Management/ Mark Mandenberg

TELEPHONE: (517) 355-3037

EMAIL: mandenbm@michigan.gov

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation- City of Wyoming Grants

The Wyoming Community Foundation gives priority to projects that address the areas of art & culture, community development, education, environment, health, or social needs and that: represent an innovative, start-up effort or are capital in nature (e.g., construction, renovation, equipment); promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services; obtain the necessary additional funding to implement and maintain the project; serve the greater city of the Wyoming. Michigan area; strengthen or improve agency self-sufficiency or efficiency; yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested; serve a broad segment of the community; encourage additional and permanent funding or matching gifts from other donors; have non-profit, 501(c)3 status. The Foundation will consider proposals for the following only if they are highly unique, collaborative, and community-oriented, have limited access to other resources, demonstrate substantial impact, or will address the needs of a substantial or underserved portion of the community: hospitals; nursing or retirement facilities; K-12 schools; computers; child care centers; motorized vehicles; commonly accepted community services already supported by tax dollars. Michigan IRS 501 (c)3 non-profit organizations in or serving the Wyoming, Michigan area are eligible to apply. Deadline: Contact Sponsor
Program Contact: Lillian VanderVeen (616) 534-9625
E-mail: lillian@lengertravel.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.grfoundation.org/wyoming>

MINNESOTA

Outdoor Recreation Grants

PROGRAM PURPOSE

To increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities. Provides matching grants to local units of government for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition, development and/or redevelopment costs of local parks and recreation areas. Cities, counties, townships and recognized tribal governments.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Park acquisition and/or development/redevelopment including, internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, athletic facilities, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds. Contact the Grants Manager with questions about other eligible facilities.

Regional Park Grants

PROGRAM PURPOSE

To increase and enhance regional outdoor recreation facilities in areas outside the seven county metropolitan area. For more information, see the Regional Park Grant Program pages online.

Provides matching grants to public regional park organizations outside the seven county metropolitan area for up to 60% of the cost of acquisition, development and/or redevelopment costs of regional parks.

Public regional park organizations outside of the seven county metropolitan area.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Park acquisition and/or development/redevelopment of regional park facilities including, internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds. Contact the Grants Manager with questions about other eligible facilities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Project proposals must have a total project cost of at least \$40,000.

A maximum of 60% of the total eligible project costs. Applicants must be able to fund at least 40% of the total project costs. The "local share" can consist of cash or the value of materials, labor and equipment usage by the local sponsor or by donations or any combination thereof. Costs must be incurred and paid for before reimbursement can be made. Applicants are eligible to receive more than one grant. Significant progress must be completed on active projects before an additional proposal can be submitted. To receive an application, please submit an Application Request Form.

Grants Manager

Local Grants Program

Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road, Box 10
St. Paul, MN 55155-4010
FAX: (651) 296-6047
WEBSITE: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/index.html>

Rochester Area Foundation

Located in Rochester, Minnesota, the Rochester Area Foundation makes grants in the fields of arts and culture, community development, education, human services and recreation in the greater Rochester, Minnesota area. Organizations must be one of the following to be eligible to receive grant funding: a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, a government unit (city, township, county), or a government-created organization such as a public agency. Download the required pre-application form from the website. If your pre-application is approved, you will be notified and asked to submit a full application to the foundation. (The required full application form is also available at the website). Grant Amount: \$1,000 - \$25,000 DEADLINE: Jan 2; May 1; Sept 1
PROGRAM CONTACT: Steve Thornton (507) 424-2400 or (507) 424-3755, ext. 102
FAX: (507) 282-4938 E-mail: Steve@RochesterArea.org
WEBSITE: <http://www.rochesterarea.org/grant-resources/index.html>

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation Grants

The Foundation awards grants each year according to current and emerging community needs. The Board also prioritizes grants that: effect a broad segment of our community; leverage support from other sources; promote collaboration, without duplicating services; strengthen organization, self-sufficiency and long term stability; focus on problem solving; and show realistic planning and management. The Foundation's focus is on arts and culture, education, environment and animals, health, human services and public/society benefit. Applicants are required to use the FMAF grant application forms available online. The foundation welcomes grant requests from 501(c)3 organizations in Cass County in North Dakota and/or Clay County in Minnesota or those serving residents of these counties.
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$10,000.
DEADLINE: Apr 20; Jun 1
PROGRAM CONTACT: Cher Hersrud (701) 234-0756
FAX: (701) 234-9724 E-MAIL: cher@areafoundation.org
WEBSITE: <http://www.areafoundation.org>

MISSISSIPPI

The Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program was established to stimulate a nationwide action program to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring to all citizens of the United States, of present and future generations, such quality and quantity of outdoor

recreation resources as may be available. The program provides matching grants to States, and through the States to local units of government, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation sites and facilities. The LWCF program requires a fifty percent match by the project sponsor. This match can include cash, in-kind services, and donations of land/material/services.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any political jurisdiction of the state, such as a city or county, and selected state agencies, being sole owners and holding deed to the proposed acreage, who are interested in acquiring and developing a public park and recreation area may apply for a LWCF grant. Individuals may not apply.

In order for an application to be considered, it must be a viable project (i.e., ball field, soccer field, splash park, etc.). Applications for support facilities only, do not qualify. It can be a combination of both.

ACQUISITION - Acquisition only projects can be submitted, but will be ranked low in the ratings. According to NPS guidelines, land that is acquired must be developed.

DEVELOPMENT - Physical facilities such as sports and play fields, tennis courts, picnic facilities, etc.

ACQUISITION/DEVELOPMENT - Land acquired by donation or negotiated purchase followed by development of facilities on that land.

Once each year the states are notified if money is appropriated. At that time, Mayors, Presidents of the Board of Supervisors and state agencies are notified of the appropriation and are invited to submit an application. After the application and documentation have been received, the project is ranked according to the Open Project Selection Process (OSPS) as identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Applicants will be notified when the ranking process is complete.

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
1505 Eastover Drive Jackson, MS 39211
TELEPHONE: (601) 432-2400

WEBSITE: <http://www.foundationmwfp.com/projects.aspx>

MISSOURI

Outdoor Recreation Grants
P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102
TELEPHONE: 1-800-334-6946
E-MAIL: moparks@dnr.mo.gov

WEBSITES: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/financial.htm>

<http://www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm>

MONTANA

CONTACT: DNRC
PO Box 201601
Helena MT 59620

WEBSITE: http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/loans_grants/default.asp

NEBRASKA

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 seeks to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. Funding is made available through royalty revenues from offshore leasing contracts with mineral extracting companies. Nebraska appropriates 60 percent of the fund for local subdivision recreation projects and retains 40 percent of the fund for statewide projects within the State Park System. As required by Congress, proposed recreation projects must be in accordance with the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The reimbursable program provides grants for up to 50 percent of project costs. Local governments/political subdivisions must assure the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission that they have the financial resources to complete and maintain projects in desired operations and settings. Examples of eligible projects include playgrounds, ball fields, soccer fields, picnicking facilities, camping facilities, golf courses, tennis courts, shelters, acquisition and development, and related support facilities.

ELIGIBILITY

Any local political subdivision, including city, village or county governments, and natural resource districts are eligible as well as public schools districts as long as they have a co-sponsor of another political subdivision such as a city or county.

Contact: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Planning and Programming
2200 North 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370
TELEPHONE: (402) 471-5424

WEBSITE: www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/programs/lwcf/lwcf.asp

Tourism Development Initiative Grant

Tourism Development Initiative (TDI) funds are federal Community Development Block Grant funds that are for physical tourism development projects. This can mean the physical development of new tourism attractions or physical improvements to existing tourism attractions. The project must be a tourism attraction that draws at least 2,500 or more visits from origins of at least 100 miles away. Tourism attractions are sites and facilities that draw visitors from a distance because of their scenic, historic, cultural, scientific, and/or recreational attributes. Examples of eligible attractions are: historic restorations, museums,

participatory sports facilities, and convention centers. TDI grants will be evaluated by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to determine the value and need for future funding. The minimum grant amount is \$20,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$200,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Both for-profit and non-profit attractions are eligible for assistance. Any political subdivision, excluding Omaha and Lincoln must be the official applicants for project assistance. Thus, each application must have a project owner/operator (the entity actively pursuing the development project) and an applicant (county, city or village that will administer the CDBG funds).

CONTACT: Nebraska Department of Economic Development-Travel and Tourism Division
PO BOX 98907

Lincoln, NE 68509-8907

TELEPHONE: (877) 632-7275

WEBSITE: www.visitnebraska.org

Nebraska Recreation & Park Association-Development Grant Program (Association Funds)

The Nebraska Recreation and Park Association (NeRPA) has established a development program designed to provide financial assistance to establish, develop and improve recreation and park areas in the state of Nebraska. Eligible projects include development of a recreation area plan, land acquisition (if developed at the same time), grading, seeding and landscaping that directly supports recreation facilities, and public recreation facilities. Maximum grant request is \$2,000 and is reimbursable. Applicant must match the funds and project must be part of a comprehensive plan. Grants are due October 1.

ELIGIBILITY

Any political subdivision in Nebraska (including cities, towns, villages, natural resource districts) as well as non-profit organizations that have the proper statutory authority and capability to develop and manage public recreation areas.

CONTACT: Scott Stopak

8116 Parkview Blvd. LaVista, NE 68128

TELEPHONE: (402) 331-3455

WEBSITE: www.nerpa.us

Recreational Trails Program

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. This fund uses refunds of fuel taxes paid by off-road recreational vehicles. 30 percent of the funding is dedicated to motorized trails, 30 percent of the funding is dedicated to non-motorized trails and the remaining 40 percent of the funding is dedicated to diversified use trails. Each grant is up to an 80/20 match, where the political subdivision must come up with

20 percent of the costs for the project. A minimum grant request for all trail projects is \$20,000 and maximum grant request for non-motorized trails is \$150,000. There is no maximum request on motorized projects but sponsors are encouraged to be reasonable in requests as there is only approximately a total of \$1 million available in funding each year. Examples of eligible projects include construction of recreational trails, acquisition of land for trails, bridges for trails, support facilities such as trailheads, parking, and restrooms.

ELIGIBILITY

Any political subdivision including cities, villages, counties, natural resource districts, University, public school, or tribal governments. Non-profit organizations are not eligible for this funding.

CONTACT: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

2200 North 33rd Street

Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

TELEPHONE: (402) 471-5425

WEBSITE: www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/programs/grants/trailgrants.asp

Trails Development Assistance Fund

The Trails Development Assistance (TDA) Fund is a state fund provided by legislative apportionment authorized under the Trails Development Assistance Act of 1991 (LB 714). The purpose of the fund is to develop a statewide system of recreational trails for the citizens of Nebraska. The fund is administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and is disbursed in a lump-sum grant, no more than 50 percent of the total anticipated cost. The Commission is not required to commit all funds available during a funding cycle and may reserve unexpended funds for the next funding cycle or for anticipated future project needs and contingencies. Examples of eligible projects include construction of recreational trails, acquisitions of lands for trails, bridgework for trails, and support facilities such as trailheads, parking and restrooms.

ELIGIBILITY

Any political subdivision, public agency or private non-profit organization whose primary purpose is the acquisition, development, or maintenance of a recreational trail within Nebraska.

CONTACT: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

2200 North 33rd Street

Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

TELEPHONE: (402) 471-5424

WEBSITE: www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/programs/grants/trailgrants.asp

Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes historical activities, arts/cultural programs, health associations, medical research, recreation, and human services. No grants to individuals.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Initial approach is by letter and there is no deadline.

CONTACT: PO BOX 81407

LINCOLN, NE 68501-1407

TELEPHONE: (402) 435-4639

Thomas D. Buckley Trust

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Emphasis on community development programs (which would include recreation), Christian churches, civic affairs, hospitals and health services. No grants to individuals. Giving primarily in Nebraska, particularly Chappell, and Northeastern Colorado.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application form required. Initial approach should be by letter to request an application form. There are no deadlines to this grant.

CONTACT: Connie Loos, Secretary

PO Box 647

Chappell, NE 69129

Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Museums (history), higher education, community development, and neighborhood development (would include recreation). Types of support include capital campaigns, fellowships, scholarship funds, and matching funds.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application form required. Initial approach by letter of inquiry. One copy of the proposal is needed. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

CONTACT: Sandra Vondracek

1248 O Street Suite 804

Lincoln, NE 68508

TELEPHONE: (402) 475-1797

Omaha World-Herald Foundation

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes journalism and publishing, historic preservation and historical societies, arts and cultural programs, education, natural resource conservation and protection, and youth services. Types of support include building and renovation equipment, program development, seed money, internships, scholarship funds, and matching funds.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application form not required. Initial approach should be by letter, one copy needed. There are no deadlines and final notification in two months from submittal.

Contact: C/o Omaha World-Herald Co.

World Herald Square

Omaha, NE 68102
TELEPHONE: (402) 444-1000

Peter Kiewit Foundation

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes funding in the areas of the arts, education, children and families, community development, and health and human services. Funds can be used to construct a new building, purchase, renovate or remodel an existing building, purchase equipment, furnishing, or property; and operate a new or ongoing program. There are two grant programs offered: general purpose grants program and small grants program.

ELIGIBILITY

All organizations from the Foundation must have 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. Local government entities are also eligible to apply for funding. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals, for-profit businesses, other private foundations, general fund drives or annual appeals, or any activity that could influence elections or legislation. The maximum possible funding that a 501 (c) (3) applicant can receive from the foundation is 50 percent of the total project costs. The maximum funding available to applicants that are political subdivisions is 25 percent of the total project budget.

DEADLINES

General Purpose Grants Program has no limitations on the size or duration of the grants that may be requested. These grants are reviewed twice a year with deadlines of October 1 and April 1. The Small Grants Program is a program that funds from \$500 to \$10,000 and are reviewed four times a year with deadlines of March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

CONTACT: Peter Kiewit Foundation

8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225

Omaha, NE 68114

TELEPHONE: (402) 344-7890

WEBSITE: <http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org>

Jim and Elaine Wolf Foundation

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes parks and playgrounds, federated giving programs, Jewish agencies and temples, and general charitable giving. No grants to individuals.

Application information

CONTACT Wolf Foundation with proposal and letter of inquiry.

CONTACT: Wolf Foundation

PO Box 548

Albion, NE 68620-0548

NEVADA

Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Program

The Nevada Division of State Parks is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds for local park and recreation capital improvement and acquisition projects through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) program. This National Park Service program is administered for the State of Nevada by the Division of State Parks. All political subdivisions, including counties, incorporated cities; unincorporated towns, general improvement districts, and Native American tribal governments are potentially eligible for the 50:50 matching grants offered through the program.

Nevada State Parks

901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005

Carson City, NV 89701

Jenny Scanland

L&WCF Grants Coordinator

TELEPHONE: (775) 684-2787

FAX: (775) 684-2777

EMAIL: jscanland@parks.nv.gov

WEBSITE: <http://www.dcnr.nv.gov/?s=grants>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Emphasis for awarding LWCF grants is placed on projects with the greatest possible impact – projects that: cover a broad geographic scope, include service to special needs populations, increase recreational areas and facilities, protect critical natural or cultural resources, and provide access to water-based, public recreation opportunities. High-impact projects can include:

Development Projects

- Core recreation areas and facilities where none exist in the community.

- General purpose recreation projects that involve special needs populations, persons with disabilities, and public-private partnerships.

- Development of access and facilities for public waters.

ACQUISITION PROJECTS

- In-holdings and important buffer or land contiguous to existing properties.

- Land that protects critical natural or scenic areas, floodplains, or wetland.

- Land that provides water access, trail linkages, and natural corridors.

- Land for the future development of recreation facilities.

Department of Resources and Economic Development

Division of Parks and Recreation

Shari Colby, Community Outreach Specialist

P.O. Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302

TELEPHONE: (603) 271-3556

WEBSITE: <http://www.nhstateparks.org>

Citizens Bank Foundation: Charitable Grants Program

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WEBSITE: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community> Enter Zip Code, Click on Corporate Giving, then Click on Charitable Grants

NEW JERSEY

Green Acres Grants & Loans Purpose of Funding

To acquire and/or develop municipal or county land for public recreation and conservation purposes. http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gagl.htm
Green Acres Non-Profit Acquisition Grants Purpose of Funding

To acquire open space for recreation and conservation purposes statewide, and to develop outdoor recreational facilities in certain urban or densely populated municipalities and counties. All land funded under this program must be open to the public. http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gana.htm

Martha Sapp, Chief
Bureau of Local Assistance and Program Policy
NJDEP-Green Acres Program
PO Box 412

Trenton, NJ 08625-0412

TELEPHONE: (609) 984-0570

EMAIL: martha.sapp@dep.state.nj.us

WEBSITE: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/index.html>

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NEW MEXICO

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/index.htm>

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

New Mexico State Parks administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) federal grant Program. Funds are provided through the U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service. The LWCF Program is a 50 % federal and 50 % local matching grant program.

CONTACT: Maurice "Moses" Mondary
Grants Manager/Trails Administrator

TELEPHONE: (505) 827-3558

EMAIL: maurice.mondary@state.nm.us

MAILING ADDRESS:

New Mexico State Parks Division

P.O. Box 1147

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1147

1-888-nmparks

Recreational Trails Program

The State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department is responsible for administering the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The RTP is a federal assistance program made possible through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The RTP provides up to 80% of project funds to develop, improve and maintain trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses.

These federal funds make it possible to enhance, improve and increase recreational opportunities in New Mexico through the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities. Eligible applicants include local, state and federal agencies, Native American tribes and pueblos, and non-profit organizations in partnership with eligible agencies.

CONTACT: David Certain, State Trails Coordinator

TELEPHONE: (505) 827-1476

EMAIL: davidl.certain@state.nm.us

NEW YORK

The Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) through state and federal funding sources, provides a number of grant programs. Regional Grants

Officers are available in the Agency's Regional Offices to offer assistance with applications and program details.

Website: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/>

Parks Program

A matching grant program for the acquisition or development of parks and recreational facilities for projects to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes. Funds may be awarded to municipalities or not-for-profits with an ownership interest, for indoor or outdoor projects and must reflect the priorities established in the NY Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

A matching grant program for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of outdoor park and recreation facilities. Funds are available to municipal public agencies and Indian tribal governments. Funded projects must reflect the priorities established in SCORP and be available to the general public. Source of funds: The National Park Service.

Recreational Trails Program

A matching grant program for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and trail-related projects. Funds are available to non-profit organizations, municipal, state and federal agencies, Indian tribal governments and other public agencies and authorities. Funded projects must be identified in, or further a specific goal of, the SCORP and must be available to the general public. Source of funds: Federal Highway Administration.

Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) has worked with a variety of partners to advance numerous parks, conservation, recreation, historic preservation and waterfront revitalization goals. Established by Chapter 653 of the Laws of 1968 as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, the NHT receives and manages gifts, grants and contributions to further public programs in support of these activities.

TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL GRANTS OFFICER TO CONTACT, PLEASE IDENTIFY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED.

ALLEGANY REGION

Allegany, Cattaraugus & Chautauqua
Lynn LeFeber
Allegany State Park, RD 1, Salamanca, NY 14779
Telephone: (716) 354-9101, Fax: (716) 354-2255

NIAGARA REGION

Erie & Niagara
Noelle Kardos
Niagara Reservation State Park, PO Box 1132, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
Telephone: (716) 278-1761, Fax: (716) 278-1744

GENESEE REGION

Orleans, Monroe, Genesee, Wyoming & Livingston
Karen Ferguson
Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427
Telephone: (585) 493-3613, Fax: (585) 493-5272

FINGER LAKES REGION

Cayuga, Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Yates
Laurie Moore
Taughannock Falls State Park
2221 Taughannock Road,
Trumansburg, NY 14886
Telephone: (607) 387-7041, Fax: (607) 387-3390

CENTRAL REGION

Oswego, Oneida, Onondaga, Cortland, Chenango, Otsego, Madison, Broome, Herkimer, Delaware
Jean Egenhofer
Clark Reservation, Jamesville, NY 13078
Telephone: (315) 492-1756, Fax: (315) 492-3277

THOUSAND ISLANDS REGION

Clinton, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, & St. Lawrence
Gayle Underhill-Plumb
Keewaydin State Park, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607
Telephone: (315) 482-2593, Fax: (315) 482-9413

SARATOGA/CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION

Albany, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington
Cathy Jepson
Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-6214
Telephone: (518) 584-2000, Fax: (518) 584-8804

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION - ORANGE, ROCKLAND, SULLIVAN, ULSTER TACONIC REGION

Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester
Ron Rader
OPRHP - Taconic Regional Office, Old Post Road
PO Box 308,
Staatsburg, NY 12580
Telephone: (845) 889-4100, Fax: (845) 889-8321

NEW YORK CITY REGION

Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond
 Merrill Hesch
 NYS Office of Parks
 Recreation & Historic Preservation, Grants Office
 163 W. 125th Street, 17th Floor
 New York, New York 10027
 Telephone: (212) 866-2599, Fax: (212) 866-3186

LONG ISLAND REGION

Nassau, Suffolk
 Traci Christian
 Belmont Lake State Park
 PO Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702
 Telephone: (631) 321-3543, Fax: (631) 321-3721

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WEBSITE: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community> Enter Zip Code, Click on Corporate Giving, then Click on Charitable Grants

William T. Grant Foundation-Youth Service Improvement Grants for NYC

This initiative supports promising improvements to services offered by nonprofit programs in the New York City metropolitan area that target youth ages 8 to 25. The Foundation offers service improvement grants to organizations that serve youth directly, such as after-school programs and youth-service organizations. These awards, which make up a modest portion of the our grant-making, are designed to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8 to 25. Service improvement grants are capped at \$25,000 and are available to organizations in the New York City metropolitan area only.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org>

NORTH CAROLINA

Thomas Austin Finch, Sr. Foundation Grants

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Finch Foundation is the improvement of the mental, moral and physical well-being of the inhabitants of Thomasville, North Carolina, with emphasis on improving education, improving health related facilities and attracting new business to the community. However, grants are made for a wide variety of charitable causes throughout the greater Thomasville area. In general, grants are awarded for seed money, matching funds and general purposes. Primary consideration is given to projects of a non-recurring nature or to start up funding of limited duration. The foundation meets twice a year to review grant requests. Requests must be submitted by February 15th for the Spring Meeting and October 15th for the Fall Meeting. Application forms are available online. Applicants will receive notice acknowledging receipt of the grant request, and subsequently be notified of the grant declination or approval.

REQUIREMENTS:

Eligible applicants are IRS 501 (c)3 non-profit organizations located within the corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina or, organizations where the benefits of the grant will inure primarily to the residents of Thomasville. Proposals should be submitted in the following format: completed Common Grant Application Form; an original Proposal Statement; an audited financial report and a current year operating budget; a copy of your official IRS Letter with your tax determination; a listing of your Board of Directors. Proposal Statements (second item in the above Format) should answer these questions: what are the objectives and expected outcomes of this program/project/request; what strategies will be used to accomplish your objective; what is the timeline for completion; if this is part of an on-going program, how long has it been in operation; what criteria will you use to measure success; if the request is not fully funded, what other sources can you engage; an Itemized budget should be included; please describe any collaborative ventures. Prior to the distribution of funds, all approved grantees must sign and return a Grant Agreement Form, stating that the funds will be used for the purpose intended. Progress reports and Completion reports must also be filed as required for your specific grant. All current grantees must be in good standing with required documentation prior to submitting new proposals to any foundation.

RESTRICTIONS:

Grants are generally not made for typical operational or maintenance-oriented purposes, political purposes, nor to organizations which discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic origin, sexual or religious preference, age or gender.

WEBSITE: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/privatefoundationgrants/finch>

Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Grants

Grant requests are reviewed throughout the calendar year. Local decisions are typically made within 90 to 120 days of application.

Wells Fargo will consider cause-related sponsorship requests submitted through its online application system. Please submit sponsorship requests at least 60 days prior to the event.

Website: https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/nc_guidelines

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact your local Community Affairs Manager.

North Carolina (excluding the Greater Charlotte region):

Juan Austin

Wells Fargo 100 North Main Street, 6th Floor

MAC D4001-063

Winston Salem, NC 27101-4047

juan.austin@wellsfargo.com

336-732-6138

Greater Charlotte:

Jay Everette

Wells Fargo

301 South College Street, 25th Floor

MAC D1053-251

Charlotte, NC 28202

jay.everette@wellsfargo.com

704-383-8287

The Winston-Salem Foundation Community Grants

The Foundation makes grants to charitable organizations serving the greater Forsyth County area of North Carolina through its Community Grantmaking process. Final grant decisions rest with our volunteer governing board, The Winston-Salem Foundation Committee.

We make grants for a wide range of charitable purposes, including, but not limited to, new staff positions, capacity building projects, planning work, and new programs. We fund in areas including, but not limited to, arts and culture, education, health, human services, community development, and building social capital. The Foundation's funding priorities may vary based on current initiatives, economic conditions, and grantmaking funds available.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wsfoundation.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=595>

North Carolina Community Foundation Grants

The North Carolina Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization created to help people make an impact through lasting and meaningful contributions to communities throughout North Carolina.

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly \$63 million

in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$130 million in assets, the NCCF sustains 1,000 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local grants and community leadership in 66 counties across the state. An important component of the NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

WEBSITE: <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

North Carolina Community Foundation

4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 524

Raleigh, NC 27609

info@nccommunityfoundation.org

PHONE: 919-828-4387; 800-201-9533

FAX: 919-828-5495

North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

(State of NC Division of Parks and Recreation)

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for parks and recreational projects to serve the general public. Counties, incorporated municipalities and public authorities, as defined by G.S. 159-7, are eligible applicants.

A local government can request a maximum of \$500,000 with each application.

WEBSITE: http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grants/partf_grant.php

NORTH DAKOTA

<http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department administers two federal grant programs that benefit public outdoor recreational facilities used by North Dakotans.

Land & Water Conservation Fund—This federal grant program provides 50/50 matching grants for outdoor recreation projects by state and local political subdivisions. Recreational Trails Program—Funding for this program comes through the Federal Highway Administration and provides 80/20 matching grants for both motorized and non-motorized trail projects.

Recreation Grants Coordinator

TELEPHONE: (701) 328-5357

E-MAIL: parkrec@nd.gov

NatureWorks

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation Grants

The Foundation awards grants each year according to current and emerging community needs. The Board also prioritizes grants that: effect a broad segment of our community; leverage support from other sources; promote collaboration, without duplicating services; strengthen organization, self-sufficiency and long term stability; focus on problem solving; and show realistic planning and management. The Foundation's focus is on arts and culture, education, environment and animals, health, human services and public/society benefit. Applicants are required to use the FMAF grant application forms available online. The foundation welcomes grant requests from 501(c)3 organizations in Cass County in North Dakota and/or Clay County in Minnesota or those serving residents of these counties. Grant Amount: \$1,000 - \$10,000. Deadline: Apr 20; Jun 1

PROGRAM CONTACT: Cher Hersrud (701) 234-0756 Fax: (701) 234-9724 E-mail: cher@areafoundation.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.areafoundation.org>

OHIO

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/>

NatureWorks

NatureWorks projects are funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Bond Issue which was approved by Ohio voters in November 1993.

The NatureWorks grant program provides up to 75% reimbursement assistance for local government subdivisions (townships, villages, cities, counties, park districts, joint recreation districts, and conservancy districts) to for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas. Since NatureWorks' inception, they have funded over 1,300 applications totaling over \$63 million.

Steps to Complete your NatureWorks Grant Project
NatureWorks Procedural Guide

- NatureWorks Development Procedural guide .pdf format
- Procedural Guide for Acquisitions Projects .pdf format

Contact: Dameyon Shipley , (614) 265-6646

Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act was passed by Congress in September 1964, and became effective January 1965.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program provides up to 50% reimbursement assistance for state and local government subdivisions (townships, villages, cities, counties, park districts, joint recreation districts, and

conservancy districts) to for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas.

Funding is issued to the state and it is at the state's discretion how much of that funding will be made available for local government. Since the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program became effective, the State of Ohio has received over \$140 million.

Over half of this funding has been used for local parks projects.

- About the LWCF
- Steps to Complete your LWCF Grant Project
- Procedural Guide - Acquisition 208k pdf format
- Procedural Guide - Development 220k pdf format

CONTACT: Dameyon Shipley

TELEPHONE: (614) 265-6646

Clean Ohio Fund Home

The Clean Ohio Fund was established to preserve green space and farmland, improve outdoor recreation, and revitalize blighted neighborhoods by cleaning up and redeveloping polluted properties.

Local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations are eligible to receive grants for conservation projects from the Clean Ohio Fund. Applicants must provide a 25 percent local match, which can include contributions of land, labor, or materials.

CONTACT: John Lynch ODNR, Division of Real Estate and Land Management

2045 Morse Road, C-4, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693

TELEPHONE: (614) 265-6825

EMAIL: john.lynch@dnr.state.oh.us

Hershey Foundation

The Hershey Foundation is dedicated to providing Northeast Ohio children from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds with special opportunities for personal growth and development. Support from the Foundation helps schools, museums, cultural institutions, and other non-profit organizations develop and implement innovative programs that make the future brighter for children by improving quality of life, building self esteem, enhancing learning, increasing exposure to other cultures and ideas, and encouraging the development of independent thinking and problem-solving skills.

Ms. Debra Hershey Guren, President

The Hershey Foundation

10229 Prouty Road

Concord Township, OH 44077

WEBSITE: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/hershey/apply.html>

OKLAHOMA

<http://www.otrd.state.ok.us/rd/index%20frame.htm>

Grants for Parks and Recreation

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The LWCF Act established a funding source for both Federal acquisition of authorized national park, conservation and recreation areas and for grants to State and local government to help them acquire, develop and improve outdoor recreation areas.

Funds for the program are derived from sales of federal surplus, a small portion of federal motorboat fuel taxes and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues derived from leasing of oil and gas sites in coastal waters. The appropriations authority under the LWCF ACT was originally set to expire in 1989, but was extended in 1987 through 2015.

By law, at least 40 percent of every annual appropriation from the LWCF goes toward acquisition of recreation and conservation lands specifically authorized by Congress within National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, National Forests and Bureau of Land Management areas. The remainder of each annual appropriation is made available to the States for fifty-percent matching grants to state and local governments for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas.

The program encourages conservation of key open spaces, such as riverfronts, forests, and wetlands. But usually require that lands purchased with grants be made accessible to the public for appropriated recreation uses. Development projects can vary widely: from trails to boating facilities to nature centers to picnic facilities and from improvement of park landscapes to development of basketball courts or swimming pools or ball fields.

Under the LWCF Act, States are responsible for analyzing recreation needs, setting priorities for funding, supervising and coordinating selection of projects, supervising project work and ensuring compliance with Federal regulations and guidelines that affect the grants program. To be eligible for grant assistance, each State must prepare and regularly update a Statewide plan that identifies needs for conservation and development of outdoor recreation resources, defines State objectives for meeting identified needs, and sets forth and implements a program to meet needs. The State Plan or (SCORP) must provide for public input in the identification of needs and priorities.

Oklahoma's allocation of LWCF funds, 50/50 matching grants are offered to eligible applicants for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation projects. State Parks and statewide planning projects may also be

funded.

State and local government organizations, Indian Tribes, public schools and universities, are eligible to apply for LWCF funds.

If you would like to request an application or need further information on this program, please contact:

Mary Porter

Oklahoma. Tourism & Recreation Dept.,

120 N. Robinson Suite 600

Conservation and Planning, Grants Administration

Oklahoma City, OK 73102

TELEPHONE: (405)230-8486

EMAIL: mary.porter@oklatourism.gov

Oklahoma Recreational Trails

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a state-administered, federal-aid program managed through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Federal Highway Administration in consultation with the Department of the Interior. This Act was part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, and is now included in SAFETEA-LU. So far, Oklahoma has granted almost seven million dollars for statewide trail projects.

Please contact this office at (405) 230-8490 or (405) 230-8483, or by e-mail at shenry@oklahomaparks.com if you have any questions.

OREGON

<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/index.html>

County Opportunity Grants

These are available for Oregon counties to purchase land for campgrounds, to improve or plan camping areas, and other, similar purposes. The grant, which comes from a portion of RV registration fees, has been funding Oregon campground projects yearly since 1983.

Local Government Grants

Lottery-funded grants that go to local communities for developing public outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities.

OPRD gives more than \$4 million annually to Oregon communities for outdoor recreation projects, and has awarded nearly \$40 million in grants across the state since 1999. The grants are funded from voter-approved Lottery money.

You probably have a local government grant funded project in your community - you might have even been there. Examples include The Dalles Riverfront trail, Doc Griffin Park playground in Jacksonville, and the Settlemier skate park in Woodburn.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants

Through this federal grant, OPRD helps governments acquire land and develop outdoor recreation facilities. The LWCF grants provide matching grants to state and local governments for acquiring and developing public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Since 1964, this national grant has awarded more than \$55 million for Oregon recreational areas and facilities.

Recreational Trails Grants

Recreational Trails Grants are national grants administered by OPRD for recreational trail-related projects, such as hiking, running, bicycling, off-road motorcycling, and all-terrain vehicle riding. Yearly grants are awarded based on funds voted on by the U.S. Congress. Grants awarded to non-profits and governments for trail projects. This includes building new trails, improving existing trails, and helping with trail signs.

PENNSYLVANIA

<https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has launched a Grants Customer Service Center that can provide help on the eGrants system and direct callers with more technical grant questions to the appropriate area for help. You can reach the Customer Service Center by phone at 1-800-326-7734 or by email at dcnr-grants@state.pa.us.

Community Recreation and Conservation Projects – for municipalities to plan, acquire, develop and rehabilitate public park, trail, and recreational facilities; acquire land for park and conservation purposes; and undertake feasibility studies, site development planning and comprehensive recreation, greenway, and open space planning.

Land Trust Projects – for pre-qualified land trusts to plan for or acquire land for critical habitat, open space and natural area protection. The public value of the project, including public access, is an important consideration in project selection.

Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Projects – for municipalities, federal and state agencies, non-profits, and in some cases for-profit enterprises to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trails.

*Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development ,
Community Revitalization Grants*

<http://www.newpa.com/index.aspx>

Redeveloping Your Community

Pennsylvania's people are their most valuable "natural

resource" – so they work hard to invigorate their communities. Whether the project involves revitalizing a downtown neighborhood or helping less fortunate families weatherize their houses against the winter chill, they're committed to making a difference.

Their focus on physical and economic infrastructure improvements creates positive change – and in turn, new opportunities for PA citizens. Pennsylvania has a variety of assistance programs that enhance a community's quality of life through improved housing, water and sewer infrastructure, public facilities and economic assets.

These programs can help:

- Create attractive, livable communities through new construction or housing rehabilitation
- Promote sound land use and revitalization of downtowns, surrounding neighborhoods and industrialized/manufacturing areas
- Improve the quality of life and economic competitiveness of the community

Website: <http://www.newpa.com/strengthen-your-community/redeveloping-your-community/index.aspx>

Technical Assistance

To keep Pennsylvania's citizens and officials informed, the Office of Community Development maintains a library of relevant plans, manuals, and technical assistance documents. The following publications are provided in a .pdf format. In order to view and print the publications in PDF format, you must first download Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can also obtain a printed copy by calling (717) 787-5327.

Website: <http://www.newpa.com/strengthen-your-community/technical-assistance/index.aspx>

Highmark Foundation Announces School Challenge Program

DEADLINE: Rolling.

The Highmark Foundation an affiliate of Highmark (<https://www.highmark.com/hmk2/index.shtml>) that supports initiatives designed to improve community health, has announced that it will award \$1 million in total grants on a rolling basis in 2008 through the Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge program. Grants will be awarded to public, private, parochial, and charter schools in the 49 Pennsylvania counties served by the foundation. The Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge is a grant program designed to support schools in the effort to introduce programs that will ultimately create healthier, more successful students. Grants will provide funding of programs that address bullying prevention and self-esteem, in addition to nutrition and physical activity. Grants will be awarded to schools quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Applications for grants will be

accepted all calendar year. Schools are invited to apply for School Challenge grants by visiting the Highmark Healthy High 5 website.

Website: <http://www.highmarkhealthyhigh5.org/index.shtml>

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Award Amount: Award amounts vary

DEADLINE: Rolling.

WEBSITE: <http://www.thehersheycompany.com/social-responsibility/community.aspx>

Click on Cash contributions in middle of page.

RHODE ISLAND

<http://www.riparks.com/>

Grant applications are evaluated and scored by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Natural Heritage.

Office of Parks and Recreation

Divisional Headquarters

2321 Hartford Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919-1719

Phone: (401) 222-2632

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SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Park and Recreation Development Fund

The PARD grant program is a state funded non-competitive reimbursable grant program for eligible local government or special purposes district entities within each county which provide recreational opportunities.

- Grant Cycle Monthly
- Non-competitive program available to eligible local governmental entities within each county area for development of new public recreation facilities or enhancement/renovations to existing facilities
- Projects need endorsement of majority weighted vote factor of County Legislative Delegation Members
- This is an 80-20 match program
- Application Deadline is the 10th of each month
- Eligible Entities notified of new Allocation amounts each July

For more information please contact the: Recreation, Planning & Engineering Office at recreationgrants@scprt.com.

Website: <http://www.scprt.com/our-partners/Grants.aspx>

SOUTH DAKOTA

Qualified School Construction Bonds, or QSCBs, may be used for new construction or rehabilitation of public school facilities and to purchase land for school construction. The state has \$29.78 million available for this purpose.

Mary Stadick Smith, South Dakota Department of Education, (605) 773-7228, mary.stadicksmith@state.sd.us

Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF)

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Grant Coordinator
Telephone: (605) 773-5490

Website: <http://recovery.sd.gov/>

TENNESSEE

Grants Program

Recreational Educational Services is responsible for administering federal and state grant programs to local and state governments. The Division manages the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant Program, the Natural Resources Trust Fund (NRTF) and the Recreation Trails Program (RTP). The programs listed below have a match requirement and specific regulations for the applicants.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grants

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) pursuant to TCA 67-4-409 is authorized, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDOA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), to establish the "Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund" - referred to as the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF). The LPRF is to provide grants to all eligible local governmental entities for the purchase of lands for parks, natural areas, greenways, and for the purchase of land for recreation facilities. The funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas, and greenways. At least 60 percent of the funds allocated will go to municipal governments as authorized by the act. Recreation Educational Services (RES) has been awarding grants to eligible local governments for the purchase and development of land since 1992. These grants require a 50% match.

Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) Grants

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897) was enacted "...to assist in preserving, developing and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of America of present and future generations...such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation..." The LWCF program provides matching grants to states, and through the state to local governments and state agencies that provide recreation and parks, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Recreation

Educational Services administers the LWCF grants. These grants require a 50% match.

The Natural Resources Trust Fund (NRTF) is established in accordance with TCA 11-14-304. The NRTF was created by the General Assembly "to protect the endowment represented by the land and minerals owned by the State; and to ensure that development of state-owned non-renewable resources will proceed in a manner which is economically sound, and that revenues received from disposal of those resources will be used for the long term public interest." Grants from the NRTF may be awarded to all eligible local governmental entities and state areas for outdoor recreation, historical or archaeological sites, the acquisition of lands, waters, or interests in lands and waters. Recreation Educational Services Division (RES) administers the NRTF grants. These grants require a 50% match.

Website: <http://www.tn.gov/environment/grants/>

TEXAS

Recreation Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acts as a silent partner in hundreds of communities across the state through its grant, assistance, education, and outreach programs. From the largest metroplex to the smallest rural community these programs help to build new parks, conserve natural resources, preserve historical sites, provide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more.

- Grant Deadlines
- Instructions for Approved Projects
- Land Acquisition and Park Development Grants
 - Outdoor Recreation Grants
 - Indoor Recreation Grants
 - Small Community Grants
 - Urban Outdoor Recreation Grants
 - Urban Indoor Recreation Grants
 - Regional Grants

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/>

Houston Endowment

Over the years, Houston Endowment's assets have grown to approximately \$1.4 billion, enabling the foundation to donate more than \$70 million annually to help fulfill the Joneses' vision of a healthy, vibrant community.

Telephone: (713) 238-8100

Fax: (713) 238-8101

E-mail: info@houstonendowment.org

Website: <http://www.houstonendowment.org>

UTAH

<http://stateparks.utah.gov/grants/>

Program Coordinator: Seth McArthur

Email: sethmcArthur@utah.gov

Telephone: (801) 538-7354

The Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was authorized under authority of Public Law 88-578 in 1964 and took effect on January 1, 1965. This law established a funding source for matching grants to state and local governments for recreation planning, acquisition and development. Funding comes primarily from Outer Continental Shelf revenues derived from oil and gas leases. These grant monies are not available for operations and maintenance of recreation facilities, but are designed to assist in the development of new facilities. The Act also set in place requirements for state outdoor recreation planning and provided a formula for Congress to apportion annual Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriations to the states and territories based upon population. Seventy five percent of the funds received by the state of Utah has been used for local recreation projects and include picnic areas, playgrounds, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, and golf courses. Properties or facilities purchased or constructed with LWCF monies must be set aside for recreational purposes in perpetuity.

Land and Water Conservation Fund grant applications are available on the Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation website. Applications are updated as the need arises.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are federally funded programs that were established to encourage and assist government agencies in creating high-quality public outdoor recreation facilities and areas. LWCF funds have successfully been used in Utah to construct golf courses, swimming pools, parks, and a whole host of similar facilities. Likewise, RTP funds have been used for non-motorized and motorized trail development, trail maintenance projects, and educational programs to promote trail safety, and trail related environmental protection projects.

VERMONT

Annual outdoor grant programs administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation consist of the:

Land & Water Conservation Fund Program & The Recreation Trails Grant Program

WEBSITE: <http://www.vtpr.org/recgrant/index.cfm>

Land & Water Conservation Fund

Pat Peterson

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Recreation Trails Program

Sherry Smecker Winnie

TELEPHONE: (802) 241-3690

EMAIL: sherry.winnie@state.vt.us

Lands & Facilities Trust Fund

The Legislature established the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund in 2001 (Act 61, Section 2807) to be used for projects that aid the management of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) lands, facilities, and recreational assets. Eligible activities include repair and maintenance of state parks and conservation camps; maps and surveys of land boundaries; resource inventories; maintenance of ANR land boundaries, roads, trails, and facilities; and other stewardship activities. Land acquisition is not eligible for funding.

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VIRGINIA

DCR administers a grant-in-aid program for the acquisition and development for public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Grants are for public bodies only. Towns, cities, counties, regional park authorities and state agencies may apply for 50 percent matching fund assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF program requires that all areas helped with LWCF funds be maintained in perpetuity as public outdoor areas. Information within the grant application manual (PDF) describes highlights of the program and is designed for application submission. Prospective applicants should note, however, that additional information might be required in order to render a proper

decision about individual proposals. LWCF applications must be sent to the attention of:

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division Director, Planning and Recreation Resources
203 Governor Street, Suite 326

Richmond, VA 23219-2010

Synthia Waymack at (804) 786-4379.

WEBSITE: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/index.shtml#grants

VLCF Grant Program

(804) 225-2048

Land Preservation Tax Credits

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Attn: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

203 Governor Street, Suite 302

Richmond, VA 23219

Telephone: (804) 225-2048

The Wachovia Foundation

The Wachovia Foundation seeks to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference where its employees work and live. The foundation makes grants in the areas of education, community and economic development, arts and culture, and health and human services. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations. There are no deadlines. For further information, contact Anita Wynn at (804) 697-7231, anita.wynn@wachovia.com, or 1021 E. Cary Street, VA 9603, Richmond, VA 23219; or go to:

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/index.jhtml>

WEST VIRGINIA

<http://www.wvdnr.gov/>

State park and forest or other public land area foundations may apply for to the Chief of Parks and Recreation and be awarded 50% matching grants of up to \$7,500 per project as part of an "adopt a state park or forest program" for maintenance and improvement projects approved by the Chief of Parks and Recreation. To qualify, a chartered foundation shall formally adopt the area for which it was created and for which it is working. A foundation may adopt a park, forest, and wildlife management or recreation area with the approval of the Director of the Division of Natural Resources.

Beckley Area Foundation

The Beckley Area Foundation exists to build a better area in which all of its citizens can enjoy life - work, play and retirement. Your community foundation does this by providing grants each year in the fields of education, health and human services, the arts, public recreation and

civic beautification

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EMAIL: funds@beckleyareafoundation.com

<http://www.beckleyareafoundation.com>

Community Foundations in West Virginia

- Barbour County Community Foundation

- Boone County Community Foundation

- Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley

- Community Foundation of the Virginias

- Doddridge County Community Foundation

- Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation

- Foundation for the Tri-State Community

- Greater Morgantown Community Trust

- Hampshire County Community Foundation

- Hardy County Community Foundation

- Hinton Area Foundation

- Jackson County Community Foundation

- Little Kanawha Community Foundation

- Logan County Charitable & Educational Foundation

- Mason County Community Foundation

- McDowell County Community Fund

- Mingo County Community Fund

- Parkersburg Area Community Foundation

- Ritchie County Community Foundation

- Taylor County Community Foundation

- The Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia

- The Lincoln County Community Foundation

- The Greater Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation

- The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation

- Tucker Community Endowment Foundation

- Webster County Community Fund

WISCONSIN

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/>

<http://www.wisconsin.org/foundations.asp>

WYOMING

<http://wyoparks.state.wy.us/Grants/index.aspx>

Land & Water Conservation Fund Project (LWCF)

Project sponsors such as cities, towns, counties, and school and recreation districts are eligible to apply for L&WCF monies. The L&WCF is a matching grant program based upon a fifty percent (50%) reimbursement of the total cost of the project. Only costs for the development and/or acquisition of public outdoor recreation lands and

facilities are eligible for assistance.

Tracy Williams

Division of State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails

2301 Central Avenue, Barrett Building

Cheyenne, WY 82002

TELEPHONE: (307) 777-8681

Peter Kiewit Foundation for community of Sheridan, Wyoming only

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Includes funding in the areas of the arts, education, children and families, community development, and health and human services. Funds can be used to construct a new building, purchase, renovate or remodel an existing building, purchase equipment, furnishing, or property, or operate a new or ongoing program. There are two grant programs offered: general purpose grants program and small grants program.

ELIGIBILITY

All organizations from the Foundation must have 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status. Local government entities are also eligible to apply for funding. The organization must be in Nebraska, the part of western Iowa within 100 miles of Omaha, NE, the city of Rancho Mirage, CA, or Sheridan, Wyoming. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals, for-profit businesses, other private foundations, general fund drives or annual appeals, or any activity that could influence elections or legislation. For General Purpose Grants, the maximum possible funding that a 501 (c)(3) applicant can receive from the foundation is 50 percent of the total project costs; the maximum funding available to applicants that are political subdivisions is 25 percent of the total project budget.

DEADLINES

General Purpose Grants Program has no limitations on the size or duration of the grants that may be requested. The Small Grants Program is a program that funds from \$500 to \$10,000. Both grant programs are reviewed four times a year with application deadlines of Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 or Oct. 15

Contact: Peter Kiewit Foundation, 8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225, Omaha, NE 68114 Telephone: (402) 344-7890

WEBSITE: <http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org>

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

<http://opgs.dc.gov/opgd/site/default.asp>

The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS) supports District government agencies, non-profits and faith-based organizations. Through its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC), a computer center with access to funding research databases and the Internet, OPGS intends to strengthen the organizational leadership and

management ability of local government and non-profit officials to help improve the delivery and sustainability of community services in the District of Columbia.

The GIRC is located in the OPGS office at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324, Washington, DC 20004. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Please call (202) 727-8900 to schedule a visit.

WEBSITE: <http://app.opgd.dc.gov/grantautomation/GrantFinder.asp>

American Samoa; Guam; Northern Mariana Islands & the Virgin Islands

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/insular/>

Community Development Block Grant Program Insular Areas Grants

The CDBG Program Insular Areas Grants site provides information regarding financing options for the economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities rehab, construction or installation for the benefit of low-to moderate-income persons, or to aid in the prevention of slums. Typically activities funded include: construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water systems, streets, and community centers; rehabilitation of houses and landmark structures; assistance to private, for profit entities to carry out economic development activities (including assistance to micro enterprises); and the provision of public services.

MULTIPLE STATE RESOURCES

Recreation Opportunities for People of All Ages and All Abilities (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois)

MISSION

To be a catalyst for change, enabling communities to create greater access and inclusiveness in recreation facilities, programs, and services for people of all ages and all abilities.

Launched in 2006, Access to Recreation is a three-year initiative that will support community foundations, parks and recreation providers, advocacy groups, and individuals as they work to provide greater access to a wide variety of recreation opportunities. Access to Recreation is made possible through a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant of \$15 million to Midwest Community Foundations' Ventures. The majority of funding has been re-granted to community foundations in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to use for recreation projects that incorporate universal design principles resulting in greater accessibility. The grant also includes funds to be re-granted to the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Foundation and the Michigan Department of

Natural Resources to be used for recreation projects and to provide ongoing training and learning opportunities for recreation practitioners. In total, there are now more than 40 major recreation projects being built in a four-state region. These projects extend from the Ohio River near the Kentucky border to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and from Pickaway, Ohio, to Springfield, Illinois. Projects include playgrounds and spray parks, scenic trails for walking and biking, kayak and canoe launches, and much more.

<http://www.accesstorecreation.org/>

BJ's Charitable Foundation - Grants for Community Programs

The goal of this funding program is to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The majority of grants support organizations that:

- 1.) promote the safety, security, and well-being of children and families;
- 2.) deliver education and health programs;
- 3.) provide community service opportunities; and
- 4.) aid in hunger and disaster relief.

501(c)(3) organizations with programs that positively impact communities where BJ's Clubs are located may apply. Please see the following link for a list of BJ's locations: <http://www.bjs.com/locations/>
For more information, go to: <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>

The PNC Charitable Trust and Foundation Grants

for Greater Cincinnati, OH, Greater Philadelphia, PA, Greater Pittsburgh, PA, Central PA, Washington DC, Weirton, WV, Steubenville, OH, and Hardin and Jefferson Counties, KY.

The PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee ("Committee") serves over thirty perpetual charitable trusts and private foundations for which PNC is trustee. Our mission is to implement the legacies set forth by the individual donors who established these trust relationships with PNC.

The Committee distributes grants from these charitable trusts to worthy 501c3 non-profit organizations at local and regional levels. In accordance with the provisions of the trust agreements, the Committee funds grant requests that demonstrate a capacity and commitment to charitable service and enhance the quality of life for the people and their communities.

WEBSITE: <https://www.pnc.com/webapp/sec/Solutions.do?siteArea=/pnccorp/PNC/Home/Corporate+and+Institutional/Non-profits+and+Government+Institutions/Charitable+Trust+Grants>

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