



Grant Opportunities

If you have an outdoor recreation project and you are looking for funding, consider the Land and Water Conservation Fund administered by Nebraska Game and Parks. Eligible project sponsors are political sub-divisions, except schools. The land must be owned by the project sponsor and maintained as outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Use the decision tree to determine which grant opportunity fits your project. You can apply for one or the other.

Which grant is best for my project?

Is the land encumbered property?

Encumbered property is land that received LWCF funding in the past and is required to stay in outdoor recreation forever.

No

Yes

How much grant money do you need?

\$75,000–\$600,000

\$20,000–\$60,000

Standard Full Project

The Standard Full Project grant is best for large, complex projects.

Example Scenarios:

You are envisioning a new park and need funding.

You are refurbishing an existing pool.

You are refurbishing a park with new picnic shelters, playground, and walkways.

Your Ask

\$75,000 ————— **\$600,000**
Minimum Maximum

Your Total Project Cost

\$150,000 ————— **No**
Minimum Maximum

Small Improvement Project (SIP)

The Small Improvement Project grant is best for smaller projects. Only encumbered property is eligible for SIP.

Example Scenarios:

You have a small park that could use \$40,000.

Encumbered park needs a restroom, estimated at \$125,000.

Your Ask

\$20,000 ————— **\$60,000**
Minimum Maximum

Your Total Project Cost

\$40,000 ————— **+/- \$120,000**
Minimum Maximum