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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Assistance for Public Outdoor Recreation

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WHAT IS IT? The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) established a fund to increase outdoor recreation opportunities for the American people. The program provides for (1) acquisition of lands for federally administered parks, wildlife refuges and recreation areas; and (2) matching grants for State recreation planning and State as well as local land acquisition and development. The Fund is administered by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the Department of the Interior.

SOURCES OF REVENUE Land and Water Conservation Fund revenues are derived from the sale of Federal surplus real property, the Federal motorboat fuels tax, and Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts.

THE "STATE SIDE" & "FEDERAL SIDE" The Fund is divided into what are generally referred to as its "sides."

The "Federal side," not less than 40 percent of the total Fund, provides money only for the acquisition of national recreation lands. Acquisition programs must be approved by Congress. They include recreation resources such as national parks, seashores, lakeshores, forests, wild and scenic rivers, trails, national recreation areas, historic areas, wildlife refuges, and natural and wilderness areas. These areas are administered

by Interior's National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

The "State side," about 60 percent of the total Fund, provides grants to States and, through States, to their political subdivisions (cities, counties, towns, etc.) for the *acquisition and development* of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Project grants must be matched by not less than an equal amount of non-Federal funds.

STATE PLANNING REQUIREMENT For a State or its political subdivisions to receive grants from the Fund, the State must develop a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, and update and refine it on a continuing basis. The Fund provides matching *planning grants* and technical assistance to *States* to help develop and update comprehensive outdoor recreation plans. The plan identifies capital investment priorities for acquiring, developing, and protecting all types of outdoor recreation resources within a State; it assures continuing opportunity for local units of government and private citizens to take part in their State's outdoor recreation and environmental planning programs; and it provides a practical tool for coordinating all State outdoor recreation and environmental conservation programs.

STATE PROJECT GRANTS Projects in accord with the State comprehensive outdoor recreation plan and meeting high priority public recreation needs identified in the plan are eligible for funding. They may vary from bicycle paths to hiking trails, from roadside picnic stops to swimming pool complexes, and from inner city mini-parks to complete State parks. Assistance is available only for public projects. The participant (sponsoring State or local government agency) must agree to permanently dedicate projects to public outdoor recreation use, and assume responsibility for continuing operation and maintenance. Up to 10 percent of the total amount allocated to a state in any one year may be used for sheltered facilities for swimming pools and ice skating rinks in areas where the severity of climatic conditions and the increased public use thereby made possible justifies the construction of such facilities.

PRE-APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS Before applying for financial assistance from the Fund, an applicant must file a "notice of intention" with the State or areawide clearinghouse established in accordance with the Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95. The notice must be forwarded as early as possible and must include a description of the proposed project and other information needed to permit the clearinghouse to circulate the notice to others interested in the proposal. The completed application must also be submitted for clearinghouse review prior to any further action. Additional information on clearinghouse review procedures can be obtained from HCRS Regional Offices.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES Project proposals must be submitted to the appropriate Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Regional Office through the State agency (or individual) authorized to represent the State for purposes of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Grants are made to the State through the State Liaison Officer, often referred to as the SLO. The SLO has the initial responsibility of determining project eligibility and priority for Fund assistance. For the name and address of the person or agency in your State, contact your Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Regional Office listed on this Fact Sheet.

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE HCRS's Outdoor Recreation Grants-in-Aid Manual contains detailed procedures for the program's administration. It is available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at a cost of \$9.75 (\$12.20 if foreign).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS A list of HCRS publications is available from your nearest Regional Office.