



MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Officials
Regional Commissions
Park and Recreation Departments

FROM: Antoinette Norfleet, Grants Specialist & SLO

DATE: September 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Fund 2017-2018 Grant Cycle

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the 2017-2018 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant cycle. The federal LWCF grant program helps state and local governments acquire recreation lands, and develop and rehabilitate outdoor recreation facilities. It is anticipated that \$4.3 million will be available for disbursement to local governments during this funding cycle.

Grant funds are disbursed based on scores received using criteria questions. These questions were developed to address the priorities within the state's current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

LWCF requires grant recipients to provide at least 50 percent in matching funds for each selected project. A \$25,000 grant minimum (total project cost of \$50,000) and a \$100,000 grant maximum (total project cost of \$200,000) will apply again this year.

Local governments should not submit more than one (1) pre-application.

The original plus one copy of the pre-application should be **postmarked on or before Tuesday, October 31, 2017.**

The pre-application form, related instructions, and the evaluation criteria will not be mailed, but are instead available on-line at gastateparks.org/lwcf.

We look forward to partnering with you in meeting the outdoor recreation needs of your citizens. Please contact our office at (770) 389-7286 if you need additional information / clarification / or do not have internet access.

cc: Members of the Board of Natural Resources
Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon, Deputy Commissioner
Terry West, Director of Administrative Services