



Announcement

Funding Opportunity – Land and Water Conservation Fund

Is open and accepting applications
Close Date: May 21, 2026

It is with pleasure the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks - Outdoor Recreation Grants Division (ORG) opens the Land and Water Conservation Fund 2026 Funding Cycle.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

The program provides 50% Federal Share/50% Non-Federal (local) Share matching reimbursable grants for development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Applications are being accepted for two types of projects.

1. Combination Project: Acquisition of property and recreational development of same property.
2. Development Project: Recreational development of existing public property.

The minimum grant award will be \$25,000 and the maximum grant award will be \$250,000. Applications submitted will be for award in August 2027.

The LWCF packages include general program information and the application. Please read the general program information before making an application for funds. The application shall be received in this office no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, May 21, 2026.

With this announcement, I encourage any city, county, state and/or federal agency, college/university or recreation district with public outdoor recreational needs to apply for funding assistance.

The LWCF Application and Guidelines may be downloaded from the MDWFP website: <https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/outdoor-recreational-grants/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Grants Division by email terry.mcdill@wfp.ms.gov or phone number (601) 432-2227.

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