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# APPLICATION GUIDE

for the

## Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

(New National Program)



State of California  
Natural Resources Agency  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Office of Grants and Local Services  
*"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"*



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## **Department Mission**

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

## **The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) Mission Statement**

The mission of the Office of Grants and Local Services is to address California's diverse recreational, cultural and historical resource needs by developing grant programs, administering funds, offering technical assistance, building partnerships and providing leadership through quality customer service.

## **OGALS Vision Goals**

- ❖ Proactive in meeting California's park and recreation needs through innovative GRANT programs and customer service.
- ❖ Committed to providing quality customer service in every interaction and transaction as honest, knowledgeable, and experienced GRANT administrators.
- ❖ Sensitive to local concerns while mindful of prevailing laws, rules and regulations.
- ❖ Responsive to the needs of applicants, grantees, nonprofit organizations, local governments, and legislative members, who are our partners working to improve the quality of life for all Californians by creating new parks and recreation opportunities.

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## Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

### \$3 Million New National Competitive Park Program

On June 16, 2014, the National Park Service (NPS) released guidelines for a new \$3 million nationwide “pilot program”. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, July 14, 2014. By August 15, 2014, California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services will review all statewide applications, and recommend the two highest ranking projects to NPS.

#### National Program Overview:

OGALS will review statewide applications, and can recommend up to two applications. California’s two recommended projects will include these objectives:

- Acquisition or development to create a new park or new outdoor recreation opportunity in an economically disadvantaged community.
- Project design involves residents/community based planning, and employment or job training for youth.
- Leverages resources through private and public partnerships and coordination amongst various levels of government.

**Application Packet:** Only a summary, narrative, and a few visuals are required. Guidelines for these four items are posted at [www.parks.ca.gov/LWCF](http://www.parks.ca.gov/LWCF) under “National Program Application Guide”

1. Application Summary Criteria
2. Narrative
3. Site Maps
4. Site Photos

#### Eligible Applicants:

Same as the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program:

Cities and Counties	State Agencies
Federally recognized Native American tribes	Joint Powers Authorities where all members are public agencies.
Recreation and park districts and special districts with authority to acquire, operate, and maintain public PARK and recreation areas.	

**Amount Available:** \$3 million nation-wide. 6 to 12 projects will be funded nationally. .

- Maximum grant request is \$500,000 per application.
- Minimum grant request is \$250,000 per application.

**Match Requirement:**

- At least 50% of the total project cost must be match. The grant can fund up to 50% of the total project cost. The match rules are the same as LWCF.

**Administrative Rules:** Same as LWCF, if NPS selects the project for funding.

**Questions:** Send questions to: [National.Program@parks.ca.gov](mailto:National.Program@parks.ca.gov)

**The next page provides the process and timeline.**

## Process and Timeline

**June 16, 2014:** National Park Service (NPS) released the “Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity” and guidelines for the new \$3 million national competitive “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program”

**June 19:** Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) issues statewide notification of funding opportunity and application guidelines to over 1,000 Californian agencies.

**June 19 through July 13:** Eligible applicants prepare application (narrative, site photos, and map)

### **July 14: Application Deadline**

- Send the application (narrative, site photos, and map) to OGALS.
- Applications must be sent to OGALS by overnight mail (postmarked) by July 14, 2014 at:

Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
Office of Grants and Local Services  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 918  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: National Program

**July 14 through August 14:** OGALS reviews all statewide applications and selects two highest ranking applications. Each state can recommend up to two applications.

**August 15:** Deadline for OGALS to recommend two applications to NPS.

**August 16 through September 2014:** NPS reviews up to 100 recommended nationwide applications (up to two per state).

- NPS can award between 6 to 12 projects amongst all states because \$500,000 is the maximum grant amount, \$250,000 is the minimum grant amount, and \$3 million is available nationwide.
- NPS anticipates initial selection of projects in September 2014.

**October 2014 through August 2015:** The selected 6 to 12 nationwide projects complete the next phase of the application (such as the Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PD/ESF) and Section 106.

**Spring 2018:** Project must be completed.

## **Application Packet Requirements**

By July 14, 2014, the following four items must be received by OGALS sent by overnight mail (postmarked) to.

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Office of Grants and Local Services  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: National Program

Provide the four application packet items in the following order:

### **1. SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY CRITERIA**

The summary identifies the applicant, project site address, and criteria for initial statewide ranking.

- See page 8 for instructions

### **2. SECTION 2: NARRATIVE**

The Narrative guidelines are provided by NPS. NPS will use the narrative to rank all nationwide recommended applications.

The Narrative includes three sections. Use the same section titles and outline provided in the following pages to structure your narrative:

#### Part One: Project Narrative

- See page 11 for the outline and instructions

#### Part Two: Criteria Narrative

- See page 13 for the outline and instructions

#### Part Three: Budget Narrative

- See page 17 for the outline and instructions

### **3. SECTION 3: SITE MAP**

### **4. SECTION 4: SITE PHOTOS**

## SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY CRITERIA

Provide the Summary in the following outline format:

**Applicant:**

**Project Name:**

**Project Address:**

**Grant Request Amount:**

**Applicant's Grant Administration Contact Information:**

(name, email, phone, mailing address)

### CRITERIA SUMMARY

Criteria #1 through #5 add up to 60 points and will be used for preliminary statewide scoring.

#### 1. Unmet Need and Project Benefits

Describe the need for and benefits of the acquisition or development project by answering A and B below (Only discuss the phase funded by the grant request and match):

**A. Need:** Why is the project a high priority to serve neighborhood residents by creating a new outdoor recreation opportunity that is currently not available within the project's ½ mile radius? (Limit the "A. Need" response to one page)

**B. Benefits:** Describe how the project meets one or more priorities of the California Outdoor Recreation Plan listed in pages 13 through 15 of the LWCF Application Guide for Local Agencies. (Limit the "B. Benefits" response to one page)

- ACQUISITION: 1.1 through 2.1 – See Section 5 at the end of this guide.
- DEVELOPMENT: 2.2 through 3.6 – See Section 5 at the end of this guide.

*The scale below shows that 20 points will be given to high priority projects.*

<b>20-15</b>	This project meets a high priority and provides significant benefits compared to other statewide applications.
<b>14-10</b>	This project is an above average priority or provides average benefits compared to other statewide applications.
<b>9-1</b>	There is no significant effect on the area or neighborhood residents if this opportunity(s) will be unavailable over the next five years compared to other proposed statewide applications, or this proposed recreation opportunity is already available within the ½ mile radius.
<b>0</b>	No response



## 2. Type of Project

Use the following format to identify the type of project by checking the appropriate field below based on what will be accomplished with the grant and match.

Type of PROJECT	Check appropriate field	Points
Acquisition to create a new park	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Development to create a new park	<input type="checkbox"/>	8
Acquisition to expand an existing park	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
Development to improve an existing park	<input type="checkbox"/>	4

*A maximum of 10 points will be given to acquisition projects for the creation of a new park.*

## 3. Acreage placed under new 6(f)(3) protection

Provide information about the amount of park acreage that will be placed under 6(f)(3) protection, and is not currently under 6(f)(3) protection, if the grant is awarded by using the chart below:

PARK acreage already under federal 6(f)(3) protection will not be considered in this criterion (meaning do not report/count the protected acreage as part of the response).

<b>Acreage to be placed under <u>new</u> 6(f)(3) protection</b>

*The scale below shows that up to 10 points will be given to projects where land is not currently already under 6(f)(3) protection.*

### Points

<b>10</b>	The project site is currently not under 6(f)(3) protection, and if awarded a grant, acreage will be placed under new 6(f)(3) protection
<b>0</b>	The entire park is already under 6(f)(3) protection, or no information provided

Note: CORP priorities 2.1 and 3.3 emphasize placing land under federal 6(f)(3) protection.

**4. Population Density**

Use the LWCF Fact Finder available at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants) to identify the total population within the ½ mile radius of the project site. While the radius starting point can be located anywhere within the park, the push-pin starting the radius must be located in or at least on the park boundary. (The push-pin starting point cannot be outside the park boundary).

<b>Fact Finder Population – Based on ½ mile radius of project site</b>

*The scale below shows that up to 10 points will be given to projects having the highest population within the ½ mile radius of the project site.*

<b>10</b>	Highest 30% on the ranked statewide list
<b>6</b>	From 31% to 70% on the ranked list
<b>3</b>	From 71% to 100% on the ranked list
<b>0</b>	No information provided

Note: CORP priorities 1.4 and 2.2 focus on acquisition or development in urban areas.

**5. Underserved Population**

Provide information about the underserved population by providing the per capita income from the same LWCF Fact Finder Report used for Project Selection Criteria #4

<b>Per Capita Income of the ½ mile radius of the project site</b>

*The scale below shows that up to 10 points will be given to projects in areas having the lowest per capita income compared with all statewide applications.*

<b>10</b>	Lowest 30% on the ranked statewide list
<b>6</b>	From 31%-70% on the ranked list
<b>3</b>	From 71%-100% on the ranked list
<b>0</b>	No information provided

## SECTION 2: NARRATIVE

### **Part One – “Project Narrative”**

(Target Length: 5 pages)

Note, this Narrative section was developed by NPS. Therefore, some of the terms used may be slightly different than the terms used in the CA State Parks “LWCF Application Guide for Local Agencies”.

This narrative provides the opportunity to broadly describe the purpose, planned accomplishments, and goals/expected benefits (short and long term) of the project in terms of improving recreation opportunities for a community. It should address how the project relates to the goals of the competition. It should also specifically explain how the LWCF assistance will be used.

For acquisition projects, provide the reason(s) for the acquisition, the number of acres to be acquired, and a description of the property.

- Explain whether the acquisition creates a new public park or recreation area or expands an existing site.
- Describe and quantify the types of resources and features on the site (e.g., 50 acres of forested area, 2,000 feet of waterfront, scenic views, vacant lot, special habitats, unique or special features, recreation amenities, historic/cultural resources) as well as any constraints (e.g., hazardous materials/contamination history, restrictions, institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, reversionary interests, above ground/underground utilities, etc.).
- Describe the plans for the site’s development for recreation purposes and the timeframe, including when the site will be made open and accessible for public outdoor recreation uses.
- Describe the current status of the acquisition, including negotiations with the landowner, completion of due diligence (title work, appraisals).

For development projects, provide the reason(s) for the development and a description of the physical improvements and/or facilities that will be developed with LWCF assistance.

- Explain whether the project involves new development, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of existing facilities.
- Describe and quantify the types of resources and features on the site as well as any constraints.
- Describe the timeframe for completing the project, and when site will be opened (or reopened) and accessible for public outdoor recreation uses.
- In addition, include a site sketch depicting improvements, where and how the public will access the site, parking, etc.

For projects that will comprise acquisition and development, provide a narrative that combines the elements above.

For all types of projects, the narrative should address:

- How the project supports other initiatives and long term plans within the applicant's jurisdiction.
- How the proposal implements statewide outdoor recreation goals as presented in the SCORP (include references), and how this proposal was selected based on the State's Open Project Selection Process (OPSP). Also, how the project implements or supports priorities of other relevant planning documents.
- The new types of outdoor recreation opportunities and capacities that will be created as a result of the acquisition and/or development.
- Current use or disposition of the property and activities and uses planned for the project site after acquisition and/or development.
- Who holds or will hold title to the property (does/will the sponsor have adequate control and tenure); who will manage/operate the property; how will the property be maintained and permanent protection assured?
- Explain any existing non-outdoor recreation or non-public uses that are intended to continue on the site(s) and/or proposed in the future within the 6(f) boundary.
- The process that led to the development of this proposal. Your narrative should address:
  - a. How the interested and affected public was notified and provided opportunity to be involved in planning for and development of the proposal? Who was involved and how were they able to review the completed proposal, including any state, local, federal agency professionals, subject matter experts, members of the public and Indian Tribes. Describe any public meetings held and/or formal public comment periods, including dates and length of time provided for the public to participate in the planning process and/or to provide comments on the completed proposal.
  - b. What information was made available to the public for review and comment? Did the sponsor provide written responses addressing the comments?

## **SECTION 2: NARRATIVE**

### **Part Two – “Criteria Narratives”**

(Target length: 5 pages, or about one-half page per criterion)

Project sponsors should provide narrative statements describing how the project addresses each of the eleven criteria outlined in Section V. These narrative statements provide an opportunity for sponsors to describe in more detail and highlight the expected impacts and benefits of their project. The evaluation of the projects will be based mainly upon the review of the criteria narrative statements, so it is essential that an accurate but concise narrative be prepared for each criterion. Each narrative statement should provide sufficient information to substantiate claims, but should not exceed one (1) page in length. Each narrative statement should be addressed separately in the order listed.

### ***Criteria***

#### **Relevance of proposed project to core program goals (70 points out of 130 total)**

**1. The extent to which the project will improve physical access and recreational services and address a neighborhood/community recreational deficiency** (up to 20 points).

Higher priority will be given to projects that acquire and/or develop a new park/recreation opportunity in a neighborhood with no other such resources within a reasonable service area, or significantly rehabilitate or enhance an existing park/recreation opportunity in a neighborhood with no other such resources within a reasonable service area, or is otherwise severely underserved.

Lower priority will be given to projects that acquire and/or develop a new or significantly enhance an existing park/recreation opportunity in a neighborhood that has other recreation opportunities.

A “reasonable service area” for a neighborhood park is generally the area within a one-half mile or a 10 minute walk. For parks or recreation spaces serving multiple neighborhoods or a community in general, the distance is up to 1 mile.

Expected responses should articulate how the project fills an unmet need within the neighborhood/community. The maps provided as part of the application should be used in describing the project. Photos of the site area are also strongly encouraged.

**2. The extent to which the project will improve recreation service to economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods/communities** (up to 20 points).

Higher priority will be given to projects that will improve outdoor recreation opportunities for target neighborhood/community populations including significant populations of youth, minorities, and/or low and moderate income residents, for whom serious recreation deficiencies exist.

Lower priority will be given to projects that improve outdoor recreation opportunities in neighborhoods/communities that do not contain significant populations of youth, minorities, and/or low and moderate income residents.

Expected responses should include US Census tract data indicating the proportion of the population within the census tract(s) and for the overall city. Census-defined minorities are African-Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Asians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Pacific Islanders.

**3. The extent to which the target community participated in project development and the extent of support of government agencies and elected officials**  
(up to 10 points).

Higher priority will be given to projects that originated from citizens, neighborhood leaders, or community groups, particularly youth and youth groups, within the community that will be served by the project.

Priority will also be given to projects that are supported by public agencies and elected officials and those that will employ and/or provide job training opportunities for youth and/or veterans (or to a lesser extent, provide opportunities for volunteer service). Lower priority will be given to projects with little to no community support or that do not provide employment, job training, or volunteer opportunities.

Expected responses should describe citizen/youth participation/support and engagement in the project. Letters (or emails) of support from citizens, public agencies, and elected officials (local to national) may be included as appropriate. The response should also describe or document opportunities for employment, job training, or volunteer service, particularly for youth and veterans.

**4. The extent to which the project will advance an innovative solution and/or transform a non-park/recreation land use** (up to 10 points).

Higher priority will be given to projects that offer unique and innovative aspects such as with park placement, design, or retrofit of facilities, and/or plans to convert non-park/recreation land uses or distressed properties to a new or enhanced park that will be a community recreation asset that better meets current needs.

Lower priority will be given to projects that would result in effective recreation facilities and services but will be accomplished through common or standard approaches.

Expected responses should describe any unique or innovative aspects of the project. If appropriate, descriptions should be supported by photos, renderings, or architectural or similar plans.

**5. The extent to which the project will advance or deliver complementary and/or intrinsic benefits over and above the provision of new or enhanced park or outdoor recreation space (up to 10 points):**

Higher priority will be given to projects that are likely to result in additional tangible benefits in one or more of following areas: economic development; health and wellness; environment (e.g. protecting local ecosystems, green infrastructure, etc.); historical, cultural, or archaeological resource protection; and/or arts and culture.

Lower priority will be given to projects that provide only recreation benefits.

Expected responses should include, by benefit category, sufficient descriptions and specific documentation outlining any other potential benefits expected to be gained from the project. Descriptions should be supported by or referenced other documentation such as plans, photos, etc.

**Financial Support and Leveraging (30 points out of 130 total)**

**6. The extent to which the project will leverage financial or in-kind support from sources in the public, private, and/or non-profit sectors and addresses the match requirement of the LWCF Act (up to 20 points).**

Higher priority will be given to projects involving multiple and diverse partnerships and that exceed the required 1:1 match, especially from non-public sources.

Lower priority will be given to projects that don't involve partnerships and/or that meet only the minimum required 1:1 match solely with project sponsor funds.

Expected responses should list and briefly describe the nature and extent of involvement in the project by any public, non-profit, or private partners. Any commitments of financial or in-kind resources to meet the required match, especially in excess of the 1:1 level, should be articulated and documented if possible.

**7. The impact of the federal investment per capita (up to 5 points).**

Higher priority will be given to projects with per capita cost of less than \$1.00; lower priority will be given to projects with a per capita cost that exceeds \$10.00. This will be assessed by dividing the Federal grant share by the 2010 US Census Jurisdiction total population for the city in which the project is located.

Expected responses should include the 2010 US Census total population of the city in which the project is located and total Federal share being requested for the project.

**8. The viability and reasonableness of the project budget as it relates to the scope of work (up to 5 points).**

Higher priority will be given to clear and detailed projects budgets that contain cost items that are reasonable and clearly related to the project's scope. Priority will also be

given to projects where funding to cover the entire project budget is mostly in place (excluding the grant amount), particularly any amounts promised as overmatch. Lower priority is given to poorly detailed and/or unrealistic project budgets where limited funding is available beyond the amount needed to match the requested grant and additional would be needed to complete the entire project.

Evaluation of this criterion will be based on project budget and cost estimates submitted with the application. Expected response should also include certification of the availability of the matching share, including overmatch funds if applicable.

### **Technical Merit and Qualifications of Applicant (30 points out of 130 total)**

#### **9. The strength of the project's alignment with the State's SCORP and specific priorities of any community/regional/state revitalization or economic development plans (up to 10 points).**

Higher priority will be given to projects that address a specific SCORP priority or goal as well as that of other city, regional, state, and/or national-level comprehensive, master, community revitalization, and/or economic development plans. Lower priority will be given to projects that only generally align with broad SCORP goals.

Expected responses should specifically identify the relevant SCORP priority(ies) or goal(s) that the project will address. The response should also reference/web link and explain any similar connections of the project to goals or priorities of applicable city, regional, state, and/or national-level comprehensive, master, community revitalization, and/or economic development plans or initiatives, if any.

#### **10. The readiness of the project (up to 10 points).**

Higher priority will be given to projects that exhibit a high degree of confidence that they can begin within one year and be completed in three. Priority will also be given to projects where work that would support review for NEPA or NHPA compliance purposes is already done or where complications appear unlikely.

Lower priority will be given to projects with plans are still at the concept stage and/or the project seems to face implementation challenges, and where the timeline is scoped out only in broad terms.

Expected responses should include a sufficiently detailed narrative to support the project's timeline, such as documenting that acquisition parcels are under contract and/or and development permits are approved, as well as specifically articulate the project's likely ability to get through NEPA and NHPA review without issues.

#### **11. The capacity of the applicant and partners in the project (up to 10 points).**

Higher priority will be given to project sponsors who can demonstrate past success in: accomplishing LWCF-assisted and/or similar projects; administering LWCF or other federal grants; and managing and sustaining parks or other recreation resources to



ensure long-term viability and remain compliant with the legislatively-mandated LWCF Section 6(f)(3) protections.

Lower priority will be given to projects where the sponsor has known problems in implementing previous LWCF projects, managing federal grants, issues or challenges with park and outdoor recreation management, and/or has currently outstanding LWCF 6(f)(3) compliance issues that are being poorly managed.

Expected responses should articulate past grant/project performance and/or issues and entail assurances about sustaining park operations and LWCF Section 6(f)(3) protections.

## **SECTION 2: NARRATIVE**

### **Part Three – “Budget Narrative”**

The project budget should break down, describe, and justify project costs that correspond to the details of the work activities outlined in the project narrative. If an indirect rate will be charged to the grant, this cost should be presented in the budget proposal. Chapters 3 and 5 of the LWCF Manual address eligible costs for LWCF grants. Land acquisition costs should be based on appraised value or other estimate of fair market value. If the overall cost of the project exceeds the amount of requested LWCF funds plus matching share, then the larger project should be described but it should be clear how the LWCF funding and match fit in. Note that the LWCF and match funded element of the project must still result in a viable recreation opportunity that is not reliant on other funding even in the context of a larger planned project.

List all source(s) and amount(s) of financial match to the LWCF federal share. The value of the match can consist of cash, land donation, and in-kind contributions. If the project match exceeds the 1:1 requirement indicate how the funds/in-kind contributions will be used.

Describe any additional sources of funding or resources, particularly if they are from partners in the project, which will be used to complete the project and whether they are available or still being secured. If applicable, describe how the LWCF monies will play a role in leveraging funding for the project. If a state chooses to include LWCF formula funding in the project, this will not be considered as part of the leveraging.

Other federal resources may not be used as a match for the LWCF grant unless such treatment is specifically authorized in the other funding source’s enabling legislation. Project sponsors should provide a citation for the legal authority.

### **SECTION 3: SITE MAP**

**Provide the following:**

**A)** Fact Finder Report used for the response to Criteria Summary #4 and #5 on page 10 of these guidelines (showing the ½ mile radius of the project site).

**B)** A neighborhood/community map showing the general location of the project and any existing recreation resources adjacent to the project site;

**C)** A map or aerial photo clearly delineating the specific project site to be acquired and/or developed, including the proposed boundary area of the project as required by LWCF Section 6(f)(3).

## SECTION 4: SITE PHOTOS

- Provide up to four 8 ½” x 11” sheets filled with photos of the project site and its surrounding area.
- Provide a very brief description of what is in each of the photos. Adding the direction of the view noted with each photo as “looking north, south, east, or west” is helpful to orientate someone not familiar with the site. Use a point of reference for the direction of the view, such as “from the center of the PROJECT site or “from the corner of X and Y Streets.”

### New Parks:

For a new park, provide a panoramic picture of the site, and if possible, showing a residential area in the background.

### Development in Existing Parks:

If the project includes the development of a new facility in an existing park, provide a picture showing where the new facility will be constructed.

### Renovation in Existing Parks:

If the project includes the renovation of an existing facility in an existing park, provide a picture showing the need for renovation (wear/deterioration).

## SECTION 5: CORP/LWCF PRIORITIES FOR CALIFORNIA

Acquisition must meet at least one of the following priorities:

<b>Acquisition to provide or improve access to public PARKS and outdoor recreation resources.</b>	
1.1	Acquire open space that can be readily used for park and recreation purposes.
1.2	Acquisition where children can connect with the outdoors and engage in active outdoor activities, such as climbing trees, digging, exploring and unstructured play.
1.3	Acquire land in park deficient communities or regions with a critical lack of park, recreation and open space areas.
1.4	Pursue urban acquisition opportunities close to where people live and work and where current recreation opportunities are inadequate.
1.5	Prevent an outdoor recreation opportunity at immediate risk from being lost to the public if the land is not acquired.
1.6	Pursue acquisition opportunities for open space and public access to water features such as the ocean, lakes, rivers, streams and creeks.
1.7	Acquisition to support the priorities pursued by the state’s wetland preservation organizations.
1.8	Acquisition for trails providing safe routes to parks from places where people live or work, or trails linking parks and other outdoor recreation areas, such as regional trail corridors identified in the California Recreational Trails Plan. Acquire land for trail access and connectivity to recreation features in urban areas.

1.9	Acquisition of outdoor recreation areas with important natural resource and scenic values that include the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• link parkland with other protected areas</li> <li>• protecting key watersheds from land conversions</li> <li>• protect relatively large areas of under-protected major habitat types, ecological regions or that have unique biological values, wetland or riparian areas</li> <li>• meet priorities in the California Wildlife Action Plan, joint venture plans, habitat conservation and species recovery plans and other regional habitat protection plans.</li> </ul>
2.0	Acquisition of a historic resource that will provide outdoor public recreation.
2.1	Acquisition to place California land under new federal 6(f)(3) protection.

**Development examples:**

Development of recreation features must be for outdoor recreation, not indoor recreation. LWCF funds are intended to increase outdoor recreational opportunities. These examples are not intended to show a preference from OGALS.

recreation feature	major support amenity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• athletic fields and courts</li> <li>• community gardens</li> <li>• non-motorized neighborhood and regional recreational trails</li> <li>• open space and natural areas</li> <li>• outdoor performing arts venues</li> <li>• picnic areas</li> <li>• play grounds and tot lots</li> <li>• skate parks</li> <li>• outdoor swimming pools and aquatic features</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restroom buildings and parking lots</li> <li>• Additions that enhance the use and appearance of the park including landscaping, public art, and safe public use features such as lighting.</li> </ul>

**Development CORP Priorities:**

Development must meet at least one of the following priorities:

<b>Development to provide or improve access to public parks and outdoor recreation resources.</b>	
2.2	Urban development close to where people live and work and where current recreation opportunities are inadequate.
2.3	Provide new kinds of outdoor recreation areas in neighborhoods with high-density housing and worksites, such as “vertical parks”, rooftop gardens, or sky parks, to create outdoor recreation opportunities in urban centers.
2.4	Increase the number of group picnic areas and camping opportunities to respond to California’s changing demographics and recreation preferences.

2.5	Increase the number of available campsites in popular and emerging camping areas and provide cabins, tent cabins, yurts, or other affordable lodging for park visitors who prefer these camping alternatives.
2.6	Provide alternative park elements, such as interactive water features, climbing walls, rope features and exercise features.
2.7	Provide opportunities for outdoor adventure and extreme sports experiences.
2.8	Development of trails providing safe routes to parks from places where people live or work, or trails linking parks and other outdoor recreation areas, such as regional trail corridors identified in the California Recreational Trails Plan.

<b>Development to provide linkages and seamless delivery of outdoor recreation opportunities.</b>	
2.9	Create new public trails linking to recreation features in urban areas.
3.0	Complete the missing links of existing regional trails.
3.1	Provide areas where children can connect with the outdoors and engage in active outdoor activities, such as climbing trees, digging, exploring and unstructured play.
3.2	Provide outdoor recreation play equipment that integrates physical activity and stimulates children's imagination.

<b>Development to protect and manage natural resources</b>	
3.3	Place existing California parkland under new federal 6(f)(3) protection.
3.4	Incorporate sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental awareness into development projects with recycled, energy efficient and sustainable materials and design.
3.5	Provide more interpretive displays in prominent locations that communicate natural resource efforts.
3.6	Protect or restore outdoor recreation areas with important natural resource and scenic values that include the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. projects linking parkland and other protected areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• projects protecting key watersheds from land conversions.</li> <li>• Properties supporting relatively large areas of under-protected major habitat types, ecological regions or that have unique biological values, wetland or riparian areas.</li> <li>• Conservation priorities in the California Wildlife Action Plan, joint venture plans, habitat conservation and species recovery plans and other regional habitat protection plans.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Practice sustainability and reduce recreation impacts.</li> <li>c. Prioritize restoration projects and identify funding sources for natural systems where overuse and misuse has compromised the area's ecological integrity.</li> </ul>