

<b>LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND</b>	
The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program was established by the LWCF Act of 1965 to stimulate a nationwide action program to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring to all citizens of the United States of present and future generations such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation. The Program provides matching grants to States and through States to local units of government, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation sites and facilities.	
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	
All political subdivisions of the state are eligible to participate in the LWCF Program. As such, municipalities, counties, state agencies, and state authorities created by the legislature may apply for LWCF assistance. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for the facility/activity must be documented in Alabama’s Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).</li> <li>• The property to be developed must be owned by an eligible applicant.</li> <li>• The applicant must agree to manage and operate the LWCF assisted site for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity.</li> <li>• Existing outdoor recreation areas owned and operated by the applicant must be well maintained.</li> <li>• The applicant must agree to comply with all other laws, rules, and regulations associated with the LWCF program.</li> </ul>	
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> TBD	
Applications shall be submitted to:	ADECA ATTN: William B. Robbins Post Office Box 5690 Montgomery, AL 36103-5690
<b>APPLICATION TIMELINE:</b>	
Applicant must attend an application workshop organized by ADECA’s Community and Economic Development Division. For more information regarding funding windows and available workshops dates, contact the <a href="#">Community and Economic Development Division</a> .	
<b>PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL FY 2021:</b> \$2.5M (2019)	
The LWCF is a federal 50/50 match grant for acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation resources. The state acts as a pass-through agency for the US Department of Interior/National Park Service for this program. The maximum grant amount is \$350,000.00 (2019). An applicant does not have to request the entire grant amount and ADECA may provide partial funding for projects if necessary. A minimum grant amount of \$50,000.00 (2019) is required for recreation areas that have never received LWCF assistance.	
<b>ALLOWABLE PHASES</b>	
LWCF assistance can be used to acquire land and water interests for park purposes, develop new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances, renovate existing recreation facilities. Virtually all public outdoor recreation activities are eligible for assistance under the Program including playgrounds, ball fields, (including lights – concrete or metal poles only), court sports, picnic areas, camping areas, trails, splash pads, etc. In addition, support facilities such as concession stands, restrooms, park access roads, parking areas, utilities, and site preparation necessary to make a recreation activity area usable may qualify for assistance. Please note, applications to develop elaborate, tournament only, or professional sports facilities are not eligible and will not be considered for funding.	
<b>MORE INFORMATION:</b>	
<a href="https://adeca.alabama.gov/lwcf/">https://adeca.alabama.gov/lwcf/</a>	