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## Land and Water **Conservation Fund** Grant Announcement

The National Park Service is pleased to provide you with the attached information (SF 424) on a recently approved Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.



Program Background: The National Park Service administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) program providing grants on a 50/50 matching basis to States, and through them, to local units of government. Since 1965, L&WCF has funded over 36,000 grants, totalling \$3.2 billion for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The range of projects under the program include sports and play fields, picnic areas, natural areas including wetlands, trails, fishing and swimming facilities, and a host of other possibilities. For further information on this grant or the L&WCF program check Section 15.916 of the (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) or call Ginny Sandidge of the Recreation Grants Division on (202) 343-3700.

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