

## Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

### National Park Service Competitive Grant Program

March 29, 2016

The National Park Service (NPS) recently released guidelines for a second-year nation-wide grant program called the "Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program". The program is for projects that will create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces in ways that will encourage people, especially youth, to connect or re-connect with the outdoors. Priority will be given to projects located in or directly accessible to neighborhoods or communities that are underserved in terms of park and recreation resources and where there are significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged, minority, and/or youth.

As the lead agency for Land and Water Conservation Fund, the application process will begin with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Applications will be accepted by our office through the **close of business on April 29, 2016 (4:30 pm)**. Submissions will be evaluated by DNR staff and the top two will be forwarded to NPS to compete in the national competition. This competition will favor projects that will begin within one year of the grant award, and can be completed in 1-3 years. Approximately 30 proposals will be awarded nationally. If selected, additional information will be required.

Please note that a total of \$15 million is available for the entire nationwide competition. Each state is limited to submitting a maximum of two applications.

This program is a completely separate application process from our Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program.

**Eligible Applicants:** State and local government agencies which:

- Represent a jurisdiction of at least 50,000 people, AND
- Is recognized as one of the 497 urbanized areas delineated by the US Census Bureau (<https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/2010ua.html>) OR
- be a jurisdiction that lies geographically within one of the delineated urbanized areas

**Eligible Projects:** Acquisition and/or development of public parkland

**Available Funds:** \$15 million available nation-wide

**Grant Amount:** Applicants can request between \$250,000 and \$750,000

**Required Match:** Grants require a minimum of 1:1 match from state, local, or private sources

**Application Deadline:** COB, Friday, April 29, 2016

**Award Date:** Anticipated start date is between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017

**How to Apply:** Log on to [www.gastateparks.org/grants](http://www.gastateparks.org/grants) for application instructions and guidelines

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