

# LAND AND RECREATION GRANTS SECTION

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## Florida Communities Trust

Two grants are funded through Florida Forever.

**Parks and Open Space Program** provides grant funds to local governments and nonprofit environmental organizations to acquire conservation lands, urban open spaces, parks and greenways.

- Match requirements are established by applicant category and population. No match is required for nonprofit environmental organizations.
- Refer to the current application for maximum grant amounts.

**Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Program** awards grant funding for the acquisition of lands used directly for the restoration and preservation of working waterfronts.

- Small local governments with a population of 10,000 or less, small counties with a population of 75,000 or less, and nonprofit organizations qualify for a 100-percent grant award.
- A local match is required of all other applicants.
- Refer to the current application for maximum grant amounts.

## Recreational Trails Program

Supplies federal grant assistance for the development and maintenance of recreational trails, trailheads and trailside facilities for both motorized and nonmotorized uses. Eligible applicants include local governments, state and federal agencies, Indian tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations that have an agreement with a governmental agency to develop public lands.

- All grant awards must be matched at a 50:50, 60:40 or 80:20 ratio.
- Funding is contingent upon approval by the Federal Highway Administration.
- Refer to the current application for maximum grant amounts.



## Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program

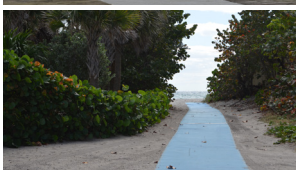
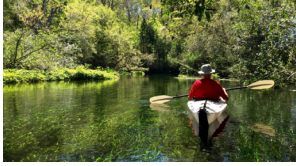
Provides state funds to acquire or develop lands for public outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants include local governments and other authorized entities with the legal responsibility to provide public outdoor recreation.

- Projects of \$50,000 or less qualify for a 100-percent grant award. A local match is required for grant requests greater than \$50,000.
- Maximum grant award is \$200,000.

## Land and Water Conservation Fund

Awards federal funds to acquire or develop lands for public outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities with the legal responsibility for providing public outdoor recreational sites and facilities.

- Grant awards must be matched at a 50:50 ratio.
- Funding is contingent upon approval by the National Park Service.
- Refer to the current application for maximum grant amounts.



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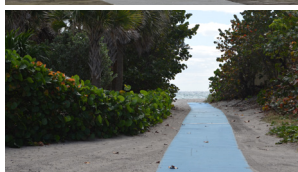
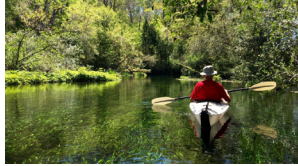
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## Outdoor Legacy Partnership Program

A nationally competitive grant opportunity that provides federal funding to projects that provide new or significantly improved existing recreation opportunities to disadvantaged communities located in park deserts.

- Applicants cannot have received Land and Water Conservation Fund Program funding in the past seven years.
- All grant awards must be matched at a 50:50 ratio.
- Funding is contingent upon approval by the National Park Service.
- Refer to the current application for maximum grant amounts.



## Sustainable Initiatives Programs

Two designation programs are incorporated under the sustainable initiatives umbrella.

**Florida Green Lodging Program** is a voluntary designation program with a proactive approach to sustainability that recognizes lodging facilities committed to conserving and protecting Florida's natural resources by evaluating operations, setting goals for improvement, and continuously advancing environmental performance.

**Florida Green School Program** is a multi-tiered designation program that recognizes schools employing best management practices to create environmental and quality-of-life improvements through a commitment to increasing environmental literacy, reducing waste, conserving natural resources and lowering operating costs.



## Readiness and Recreation Initiative Grant Program

A special competitive initiative to preserve land around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation. Provides federal funding for projects to acquire and enhance lands for public recreation within the geographic scope of a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program agreement.

- All grant awards must be matched at a 50:50 ratio.
- Funding is contingent upon approval by the National Park Service.
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