

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

May 8, 2008

Agenda Item: 6b Action
Topic: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Approvals
Presented by: Wayne Rawlins

Background:

Congress established the LWCF in 1964 to create parks and open space; protect wilderness, wetlands and refuges; preserve wildlife habitat; and enhance recreational opportunities. The federal funds for this program come, primarily from Outer Continental Shelf revenues derived from leasing oil and gas sites in coastal waters. Over time, Oregon has received approximately \$57 million from this source.

Categories of eligible projects include acquisition, development, and rehabilitation. Grantees must provide at least 50% funding match. Match can be any non-federal cash, donations, or volunteer labor. Funded projects must be maintained in perpetuity.

Recommended local projects for 2008 are listed on the attached spreadsheet. OPRD Staff conducted a technical review. The Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee (Grant Advisory Committee) met April 10, 2008 at the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center and after listening to live presentations and using criteria established in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, they ranked the projects.

Approximately \$763,280 is available from the National Park Service. Ten applications were received requesting \$1,097,248. Eight projects totaling \$753,748 were recommended to receive funding assistance from the National Park Service. Two projects were not recommended to receive funding assistance.

Action Requested: Staff requests that the commission approve the ranking and distribution of funds of the LWCF grants as recommended by the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee.

Prior Action by Commission: None, other than annual LWCF approvals through time.

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Attachment: A: LWCF Grant Requests

**Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program
May 8, 2008
\$763,280 Available**

Sufficient Funding Available for the following:					
Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Request
1	City of Klamath Falls	Lake Ewauna Trail Development	Construct 1,600 feet of trail along waterfront.	\$113,237	\$56,618
2	City of Gladstone	Patterson Park Spray Pool	Demolish existing wading pool and construct spray pool and walkways	\$200,000	\$100,000
3	City of LaGrande	Birnie Park Restroom and Walkways	Construct restroom facility, walkways and landscaping.	\$52,741	\$21,034
4	City of Seaside	Goodman Park Restroom	Remove and replace existing restroom with new restroom building.	\$125,000	\$62,500
5	City of Lebanon	Cheadle Lake Acquisition	Acquire 3.3 acres of property for lake access.	\$395,000	\$129,000
6	City of Portland	East Delta Park - Strasser Field Rehabilitation	Removal/disposal of existing synthetic turf and installation of new monofilament synthetic grass for three soccer fields.	\$494,000	\$194,596
7	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Schillfer Park Picnic Pavilion	Replacement of existing picnic shelter with new shelter and ADA accessible pathways.	\$90,000	\$40,000
8	City of Gresham	Main City Park Skate Park	Construction of skate park, parking, irrigation and lighting.	\$332,570	\$150,000
Projects Not Recommended for Funding					
9	City of Keizer	Civic Center Park Interactive Fountain	Construction of interactive fountain, landscaping, irrigation, site furnishings, and lighting.	\$387,587	\$193,500
10	Port of Cascade Locks	Railroad Property Acquisition	Acquire 8.7 acres of property adjacent to Marine Park owned by Union Pacific Railroad.	\$300,000	\$150,000
				\$2,490,135	\$1,097,248