

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 13, 2023

Agenda Item:	6c	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Recommendations	
Presented by:	Michele Scalise, Grants and Community Programs Manager	

Background:

Congress established the LWCF in 1964 to create parks and open space; protect wilderness; wetlands and refuges; preserve 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 \$80 million from this source.

Categories of eligible projects include acquisition, development, and rehabilitation. Eligible applicants are cities, counties, park and recreation districts, metro, port districts, tribes, and Oregon State agencies. Funds are allocated at least 60% to local agencies and up to 40% to state agencies. Project Sponsors must provide at least 50% funding match. Funded projects must be maintained for outdoor recreation in perpetuity.

Recommended projects for the 2022 grant cycle are listed on the attached spreadsheet. OPRD staff conducted a technical review of all submitted applications. The Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee (Grant Advisory Committee) met March 23, 2023 to evaluate grant applications. After listening to presentations from each applicant and using criteria established in the 2019-2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), the committee ranked the grant applications.

There were ten grant applications received requesting a total of \$5,301,381.85. The Oregon Outdoor Recreation committee recommended all ten projects for funding at the amount requested. The balance of funding will be utilized for necessary project adjustments or made available in the next grant cycle. Additionally, remaining funds may be offered to eligible projects from the 2023 Local Government Grant Program ranking list in accordance with the SCORP Open Project Selection Process.

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

Action Requested: Staff requests that the Commission approve the ranking and distribution of LWCF grants as recommended by the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee and award funds as they are available from National Park Service (NPS). Be advised the final grant award amounts may be adjusted.

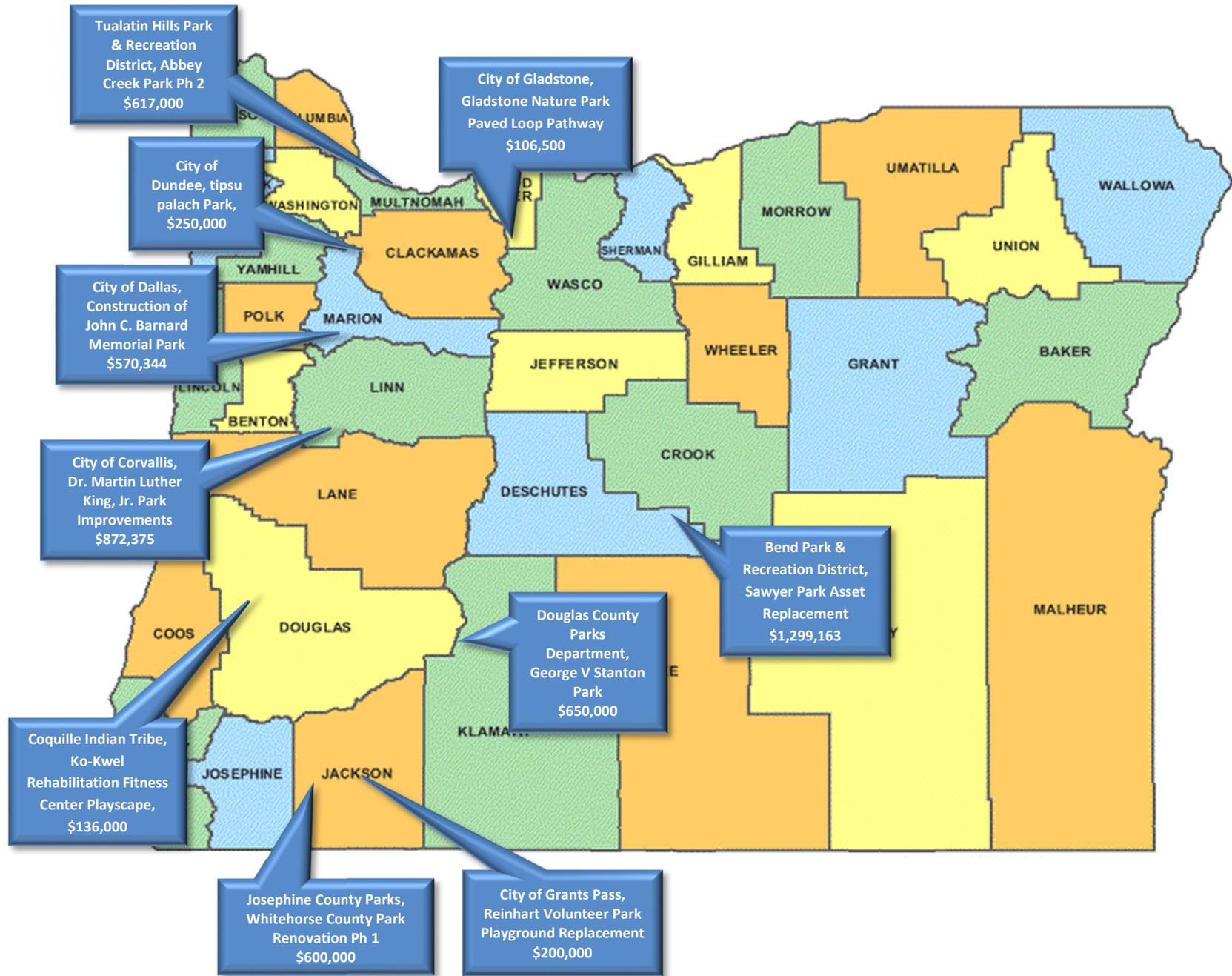
Attachments: 6c Attachment A: 2022 LWCF Grant Recommendations/Ranking
6c Attachment B: 2022 LWCF Map of Recommendations

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Oregon Park and Recreation Department
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program
2022 Grant Requests

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Cost
1	Bend Park & Recreation District	Sawyer Park Asset Replacement Project	Project will construct restroom/picnic shelter, river overlook, relocate p/lot and increase parking capacity, install new trails, renovate existing trails, restore habitat, relocate portable toilets, add vegetation/irrigation	\$ 1,299,163	\$ 1,299,163	\$ 2,598,326
2	City of Corvallis	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Improvements	The project will add an outdoor fitness and sports court area, a water play feature, and a restroom. The equity-focused design will feature artistic and interpretive elements inspired by Dr. King's teachings on social and racial justice.	\$ 872,375	\$ 1,066,236	\$ 1,938,611
3	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Abbey Creek Park Phase 2	Abbey Creek Phase 2 will add trees, a play area shade structure, picnic shelter & gathering patio, walkways, plantings, a playfield, park entrances, a "teen zone" teen hang-out area, toddler play area, and site furnishings.	\$ 617,000	\$ 617,000	\$ 1,234,000
4	City of Dundee	tipsu palach Park Development, Dundee OR	Complete the development of tipsu palach Park including a restroom building, picnic shelter, overhead canopies, tables and benches, bike work station, water fill station, water garden, landscaping, interpretive signage.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000
5	Josephine County Parks	Whitehorse County Park Renovation Phase 1	This project will renovate the top half of the park by adding all new infrastructure, replacing outdated tent sites with full hook up sites, install a restroom/shower building, water holding tank and electric/water lines.	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,803,289	\$ 2,403,289
6	Douglas County Parks Department	George V Stanton Park Phase II Rehabilitation	The project will focus on rehabilitating the upper campground. The bathroom building will be replaced, underground utilities will be upgraded, all paved surfaces will be resurfaced and more pull thru sites will be developed.	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 1,300,000
7	City of Dallas	Construction of John C. Barnard Memorial Park	This project will fund the development of a new 2 acre park which will include a basketball court, picnic shelter, pollinator meadow & walking paths.	\$ 570,344	\$ 570,344	\$ 1,140,688
8	Coquille Indian Tribe	Ko-Kwel Rehabilitation Fitness Center Playscape	Development of a large playground area that includes the incorporation of a variety of natural elements, an outdoor restroom area, picnic area and site furnishings (benches and picnic tables).	\$ 136,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 272,000
9	City of Grants Pass	Reinhart Volunteer Park Playground Replacement	This project will replace the existing 29-year-old playground equipment with new accessible playground equipment that includes separate play structures for 2-5 year-olds and 5-12 year-olds.	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000
10	City of Gladstone	Gladstone Nature Park Paved Loop Pathway Project	The project involves constructing a paved loop pathway for community members at Gladstone Nature Park	\$ 106,500	\$ 106,500	\$ 213,000
Total recommended for funding:				\$ 5,301,381.85*		

*Final award amounts may be adjusted to address scope and budget recommendations from the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee and OPRD Staff.



Agenda Item 6c - Attachment B: Projects recommended for funding by the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee