

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 24, 2024

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.

The Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee (Grant Advisory Committee) met April 2, 2024, to evaluate grant applications. The committee ranked projects after listening to presentations from each applicant using scoring criteria established in the 2019-2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Recommended projects are listed on the attached spreadsheet.

There were 8 grant applications received requesting a total of \$4,788,361. Of the 8 applications received, 6 projects are recommended for funding at the amount requested. The balance of funding will be utilized for necessary project adjustments, may be offered to projects below the funding threshold or made available in the next grant cycle. Additionally, remaining funds may be offered to eligible projects from the 2024 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: 2023 LWCF Grant Recommendations/Ranking
6c Attachment B: 2023 LWCF Map of Recommendations

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Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program

2023 Grant Cycle

April 2, 2024 Grant Advisory Committee Meeting - Ranking Results

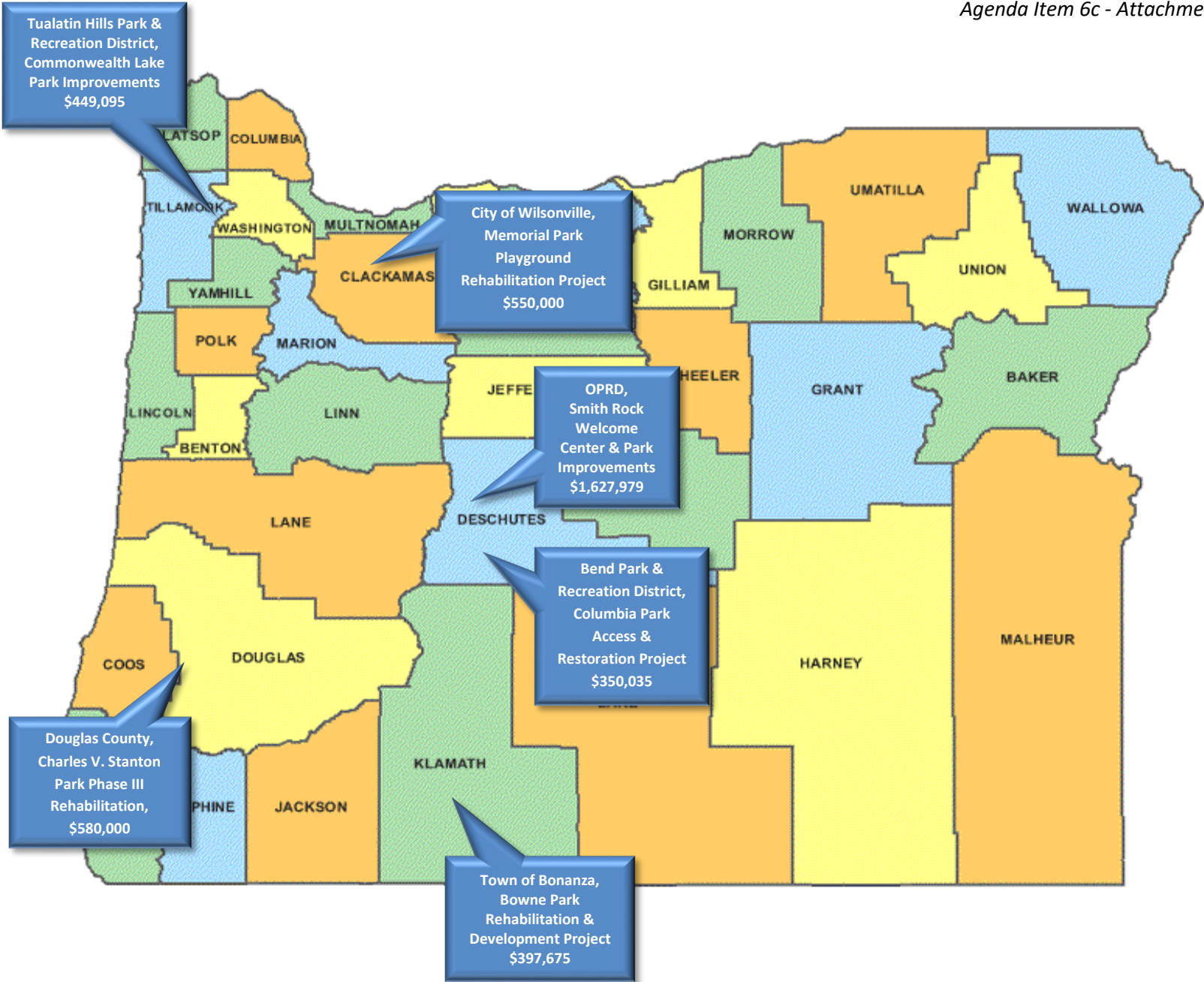
\$4,082,170 Available

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Grant Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
State Agency Projects - Recommended for Funding						
1	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Smith Rock Welcome Center & Visitor Improvements	The proposed LWCF project will develop a new Welcome Center area at the park, with a new accessible restroom, outdoor plaza and gathering area, and accessibility improvements to the Rim Rock trail.	\$1,627,979.00	\$5,825,103.00	\$7,453,082.00
Total State Agency Projects Recommended for Funding				\$1,627,979.00	\$5,825,103.00	\$7,453,082.00

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Grant Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
Local Agency Projects - Recommended for Funding						
1	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Commonwealth Lake Park Improvements	The project replaces a weir, pedestrian bridge, and 50-feet of asphalt pathway, in addition to installing an Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-compliant parking space at Commonwealth Lake Park in Cedar Hills, Oregon.	\$449,095.50	\$449,095.50	\$898,191.00
2	Bend Park & Recreation District	Columbia Park Access and Restoration Project	Improve accessibility, river access and circulation, user experience, and habitat at Columbia Park through renovation of existing facilities and habitat restoration.	\$350,035.00	\$350,035.00	\$700,070.00
3	City of Wilsonville	Memorial Park Playground Rehabilitation Project	Construction of a new playground in an existing playground's footprint. The current swing set, located SW of the playground, will be replaced with a slightly larger footprint; a new 6-ft accessible route will connect them.	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00	\$1,100,000.00
4	Town of Bonanza	Bowne Park Rehabilitation & Development Project	The Bowne Park project includes the following elements: remodel bathroom to comply with ADA requirements, install 2 scoreboards, 2 ADA parking spaces, ADA walk path, 2 pavilions, storage building, side dugouts, & field work.	\$397,675.00	\$397,675.00	\$795,350.00
5	Douglas County - Parks Department	Charles V. Stanton Park Phase III Rehabilitation	Project will upgrade campground sewer, plumbing and electrical utilities, add accessible campsites, repave existing pavement and pave gravel/dirt surfaces to create an accessible trail to a picnic shelter and benches.	\$580,000.00	\$580,000.00	\$1,160,000.00
Total Local Agency Projects Recommended for Funding				\$2,326,805.50	\$2,326,805.50	\$4,653,611.00

Funding not available below this point						
6	City of Hillsboro - Parks and Recreation	Dairy Creek Park Futsal Courts	The project proposes two new futsal courts at an existing open space, including adding a perimeter fence, lighting, a spectator's area (repurposed amphitheater area), stormwater management facilities, and landscape.	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$800,000.00
7	City of Rockaway Beach	Lake Lytle Accessible Restrooms	The City of Rockaway Beach is seeking funds to upgrade the current restroom facilities at the Lake Lytle boat launch by expanding the number of restrooms, adding necessary infrastructure, and improving ADA access and parking.	\$433,576.50	\$433,576.50	\$867,153.00
Total Funding Not Available				\$833,576.50	\$833,576.50	\$1,667,153.00
Total of all LWCF Projects Recommended for Funding				\$3,954,784.50		

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



Projects recommended for funding by the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee