

# Summary of Recreation Grant Programs



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## 2012 FACT SHEET

### Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grants (TCA 67-4-409)

The Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) is to provide grants to all eligible local governmental entities for the purchase of lands for parks, natural areas, greenways, and for the purchase of land for recreation facilities. The funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas, and greenways. At least 60 percent of the funds allocated will go to municipal governments as authorized by the act. All grant projects must be on publicly owned land.

Eligible Projects:	Eligible Applicants:	Match Requirements:	Application Deadlines:
Land acquisition, outdoor and indoor recreation facilities.	City or county governments	50% of project cost Maximum grant amount: \$250,000	Applications accepted February 13 - June 29, 2012. Application Workshop: February 13, 2012

### Recreation Education Trail Program (RTP) Grants

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal funded, state administered grant program. The RTP provides grant funding for land acquisition for trails, trail maintenance, trail construction, trail rehabilitation and for trail head support facilities. These funds are distributed in the form of an 80% grant with a 20% match. All grant projects must be on publicly owned land.

Eligible Projects:	Eligible Applicants:	Match Requirements:	Application Deadlines:
Urban hard surface trail development and natural surface trail development (construction and maintenance), restoration of trails damaged by use, development of trailside support facilities, educational and safety trail trainings.	Local, state and federal government agencies are eligible to apply as well as state chartered, non-profit organizations with IRS 501 (c) (3) status that have a written agreement for trail management with a government agency.	20% of project cost Maximum grant amount: TBA - Based on federal funding.	Next Grant Cycle: Fall 2012 - Based on federal funding.

### Land and Water & Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grants

The Land, Water & Conservation Fund (LWCF) program is a federal funded, state administered grant program and provides matching grants to local governments and state agencies that provide recreation and parks, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. All grant projects must be on publicly owned land.

Eligible Projects:	Eligible Applicants:	Match Requirements:	Application Deadlines:
Land acquisition and outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds, swimming pools, support facilities and walking trails.	State or local governments	50% of project cost	TBA - Based on federal funding.

### Tennessee Recreation Initiative Program (TRIP) Grants (TCA 11-9- 201)

The Tennessee Recreation Initiative Program (TRIP) provides grant money to those cities and counties currently without a comprehensive parks and recreation delivery system in operation due to lack of staffing and organization. The grant term is three years.

Eligible Projects:	Eligible Applicants:	Match Requirements:	Application Deadlines:
Development of a formal Parks & Recreation Department.	City or county governments	(50%) \$25,000 each year for the first two years. (100%) \$50,000 for the third year.	Next Grant Cycle: Fall/Winter 2012

