



Local Parks Maintenance Grants

The Washington State Legislature provided one-time funding in the operating budget to help local parks departments maintain their working facilities to meet the needs of their residents. This program will focus on helping communities in need address maintenance backlogs for key local parks facilities and capital improvements. Accessed through a simple application process, grants can be used for general maintenance of things such as trails, restrooms, picnic sites, playgrounds, signs, and kiosks.

Grant Application Schedule

Item	Date
Application Webinar	June 30, 2023 <i>Tentative</i>
Applications Open	June 30, 2023 <i>Tentative</i>
Applications Due	July 31, 2023 <i>Tentative</i>
Project Evaluation	August 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023 <i>Tentative</i>
Grants Awarded	September 16, 2023 <i>Tentative</i>

Grant Award History

Most recent grants and evaluation results, listed by the application year.

Typical Projects

Specific policies for eligible costs and activities are in development; however, examples of typical projects that likely could be funded through this program include the following:

- Staff time to complete priority deferred maintenance projects.
- Deferred purchases of maintenance equipment and supplies.
- Upkeep and minor repairs of park infrastructure such as kiosks, picnic shelters, or trails.

Who May Apply?

- Cities, counties, and towns
- Park and recreation districts, port districts
- Native American tribes
- Eligible entities may partner with nonprofit organizations deployed in this maintenance funding provided all work is performed on land owned by the eligible entity.

Eligible entities are not required to have an approved recreation, conservation, or open space plan on file with RCO in order to apply and receive funding for this grant.

Funding

The Legislature provides funding from general tax dollars: \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2025.

Grant Limits

Minimum grant request: \$50,000

Maximum grant request: \$100,000

RCO will award grants between \$50,000-\$100,000 and will not consider requests outside this range. An organization may submit only one application and may receive no more than \$100,000.

Award Period

Once grant agreements are signed in 2023, successful applicants must spend all grant awarded funds by June 30, 2025. RCO will not allow time extensions.

Match Details

Applicants are not required to provide matching resources.

Eligible Projects

Generally, funding is for deferred maintenance of local parks facilities and infrastructure. More information about specific eligible and ineligible project types and activities will be shared when it is available, so please check back later.