

# Recreation Grants



Recreation Grants has been assisting hundreds of communities across Texas with their outdoor recreation needs since 1965 through our grant assistance and outreach programs. From the largest metropolis to the smallest rural community these programs help to build new parks, conserve natural resources, provide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more. Providing grants to communities across Texas helps build access to outdoor experiences and encourages a connection with nature that is vital for promoting conservation and good environmental stewardship among Texans young and old.

Through our programs we build long-term partnerships that assist TPWD in our mission to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Our highly qualified [staff](#) administers the following programs: [Local Park Grants](#) (Outdoor, Indoor, and Small Community), [Community Outdoor Outreach Program](#) (CO-OP), [Recreational Trails Grants](#), [Off Highway Vehicle \(OHV\) Grants](#), [Boating Access Grants](#), [Boating Infrastructure Grants](#) (BIG), [Boat Sewage Pumpout Grants](#), and [Target Range Grants](#).

# Grant Deadlines



Grant Program	Grant Ceiling	Annual Deadline
Boating Access	\$500,000	TBD
Boating Infrastructure	Competitive	TBD
Boat Sewage Pump-out	Competitive	December 31
Community Outdoor Outreach Program	\$60,000	November 1
Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation	\$1.5 million	August 1
Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation	\$750,000	August 1
Local Parks Small Community Recreation	\$150,000	August 1
Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation	\$1.5 million	TBD
Local Parks Non-Urban Indoor Recreation	\$1 million	TBD
Recreational Trails	\$300,000	February 1
Target Range Program	Competitive	TBD

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# CO-OP Grants

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## About

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant provides funding to tax-exempt organizations for programming that engages under-served populations in TPWD mission-oriented outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education activities.

## Who We Fund

Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations such as local government, Universities, school districts and non-profit organizations. This program builds relationships with constituencies who have been under-represented in Texas Parks & Wildlife Department activities and programs. Target audiences served include low income, ethnic minority, female and individuals with a disability.

### **What We Fund**

CO-OP provides grants to tax-exempt organizations ranging from \$5,000 to \$60,000. This is a reimbursement grant program. Recipients must purchase eligible items and submit proper documentation before being reimbursed. Eligible organizations can apply to use these funds for programming expenses such as personnel, food, travel expenses, participant liability insurance, entrance fees, outdoor recreation equipment and environmental education supplies.

### **When We Fund**

CO-OP grants are funded annually following the application deadline of November 1st each year.

# Accessing the Recreation Grants Online Grant Management System - RGO 2020

If you wish to apply for one of our currently available grant opportunities, or manage your awarded Recreation Grants project(s), you will need to use **RGO 2020**, our online Grant Management System.

**[Click HERE to access RGO 2020](https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/login2.aspx)**

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