



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (April 2026)

- Q1:** Can non-profits, recreation leagues, community groups, etc. apply for these grant funds?
A1: *No, only incorporated municipalities, counties, and legally constituted recreation authorities/commissions.*
- Q2:** Can my project include a combination of acquisition and/or development and/ or rehabilitation?
A2: *Yes, it can.*
- Q3:** Since DNR offers a grant program specific for trails, are trail related projects eligible under LWCF?
A3: *Yes, if they are within a clearly marked park boundary.*
- Q4:** How many copies of the application need to be submitted?
A4: *Zero, remember, paper copies are no longer accepted. You must submit the application on-line.*
- Q5:** When is the deadline to turn in my application?
A5: *Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, October 2, 2026. The on-line system will automatically deactivate, please plan accordingly.*
- Q6:** Can the application be emailed?
A6: *No. We can only accept applications via the on-line portal.*
- Q7:** Can city/county labor expended on this project be used as in-kind match?
A7: *Yes, as long as it occurs after the grant agreement has been signed. The required support documentation is more taxing, but is an acceptable means to meet the match.*
- Q8:** What was the basis for developing the criteria used to award grants?
A8: *The criteria are based on the issues identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). A copy can found on our website www.gadnr.org/lwcf under the Resources section.*
- Q9:** Does the LWCF grant program make grants for planning?
A9: *No, grants are typically awarded to proposals that target: 1) acquisition, 2) development, and 3) rehabilitation efforts. Proposals that are the result of an organized planning effort will generally score higher than those that are not. The purpose of giving this advantage is to encourage jurisdictions to demonstrate a thoughtful process for investing in outdoor recreation facilities and services.*
- Q10:** Can I apply for a grant to assist with the construction of indoor recreation facilities?
A10: *No, the program is specifically for outdoor recreation.*
- Q11:** If selected to receive a grant, when will I get my check?
A11: *This is a reimbursement grant program. This means the grantee pays for all cost incurred and then requests reimbursement for eligible expenses (not to exceed the grant award).*
- Q12:** I am in the process of applying for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program. Can I also apply for LWCF?
A12: *Yes, if the projects are not dependent upon each other. Example of independent projects: trail development under one program and the trailhead development with recreation facilities under the program.*
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Example of dependent projects: acquire land under one grant; develop trail under second grant. The trail development is dependent upon the approval of the grant for acquisition and therefore would not be eligible.