



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cities/Counties/State Agencies eligible to apply for national grant program

FROM: Taylor Brown, State Liaison Officer

SUBJECT: Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

DATE: March 1, 2020

You are receiving this grant announcement because your city/county is eligible to apply for a national grant. Grant awards have changed and will range between \$300,000 - \$1,000,000.

Last month the National Park Service (NPS) released a funding opportunity for a grant program called the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP). The program's goal is to assist in funding projects that will create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in Census-delineated urbanized areas <https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census-urban-areas.html>. Priority will be placed on projects that will:

- Directly connect people to outdoor places in communities that are underserved;
- Create short-term and or permanent jobs and or help stimulate economic development;
- Create, engage and empower members of the affected community;
- Involve and expand public-private partnerships;
- Rely on a high degree of coordination among the public, multiple levels of government and the private sector to improve recreation opportunities; and
- Advance the goals of Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP).

As the lead agency for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be your point of contact for the application process. Attached you will find a state specific announcement with pertinent information as well as the link to NPS' national announcement. Also available to you is a webinar hosted by City Parks Alliance on March 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (<https://cityparksalliance.org/events/webinars/>)

All original applications, associated support documents, maps & one copy of each must be received in our office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020. This is a firm deadline in order to meet the national deadline. Our staff is committed to and will be available to work with you through the entire process, if you decide to apply. Our contact information is:

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