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Land and Water Conservation Fund

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Program Objective: The fund is a matching assistance program which provides grants for 50% of acquisition and/or development costs of outdoor recreation sites and facilities.

Type of assistance: This is a reimbursing program whereby recipients do not receive the grant funds at the time that the application is approved. A billing procedure enables the participant to request the federal share of the cost incurred throughout the grant term.

Eligible activities and applicants: Legally established Park and Recreation Boards who have a five year master plan that has been approved by the Division of Outdoor Recreation. Eligible types of projects include: picnic areas, sports and play fields, golf courses, water oriented facilities, natural areas, linear greenbelts and trail corridors, and amphitheatres and bandstands. All facilities must be for (or support) outdoor recreation.

Application steps and deadlines: Application/manuals are available on line or by request. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Division of Outdoor Recreation on or before June 1 of each year. Project sites are inspected and then rated using an objective rating criteria.

Reporting procedures: The grant staff of the Division of Outdoor Recreation serves as a liaison between local communities and the National Park Service.

Total amount of funds available: Funding varies from year to year.

Maximum award amount: \$10,000 minimum, \$200,000 maximum.

Cash and in-kind match required: Park and Recreation Boards must document that they have the local share of funds available in their project application. Local funding sources used to match the federal assistance may be derived from appropriations, tax levies, bond issues, gifts, and in-kind contributions of land, cash, labor, materials, and equipment.

Limitations on use of funds: Ineligible types of projects include: indoor recreation facilities, historic preservation projects or museums, professional sports and arts facilities, lodging or housing, amusement parks, or facilities for exclusive or private use.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Planning Fund.

How have local organizations used this program? Nature Parks, nature centers, ballfields, playgrounds

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Recreational Trails Program

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Program Objective:	The fund is a matching assistance program which provides grants for 80% of acquisition and/or development of multiple-use trails.
Type of assistance:	This is a reimbursing program whereby recipients do not receive the grant funds at the time that the application is approved. A billing procedure enables the participant to request the federal share of the cost incurred throughout the grant term.
Eligible activities and applicants:	All units of government and organizations incorporated as not-for-profit (501 C 3) corporations are eligible to apply. Projects eligible for assistance include, but are not limited to, the following types of public use facilities: motorized trails, non-motorized trails, multiple use trails, Mountain bike trails, equestrian trails, rail trails, trail crossings, signs, trailside and trail head facilities, and other support facilities.
Application steps and deadlines:	Applications are available online or a print version may be requested. All applications must be returned to the Division of Outdoor Recreation or postmarked by May 1. Project sites are inspected and then rated using an objective rating criteria.
Reporting procedures:	The grants staff of the Division of Outdoor Recreation serves as liaison between the local communities and the Federal Highway Administration.
Total amount of funds available:	Approximately \$1,000,000; amount varies from year to year.
Maximum award amount:	\$10,000 minimum to \$150,000 maximum.
Cash and in-kind match required:	At the time of application the project sponsor must have the local share (20%) available. The local share may include tax sources, bond issues, Community Development Funds, Farmers Home Administration Loans, or force account contributions. The donated value of cash, labor, equipment and materials may also be used.
Limitations on use of funds:	Ineligible costs include: purchase of property which the sponsor was committed to prior to federal approval of grant, surveys, title searches, legal fees, interest, fines and penalties, and development costs incurred outside the approved project period.
Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program?	Funds from other federal and state programs may be used for the matching share.
How have local organizations used this program?	Approximately 6 projects last year. Funding primarily used for land acquisition and trail development, (i.e. multi-use trails, trailheads, support facilities etc.).
Technical term or acronyms unique to this program:	RTP: Recreational Trails Program

Resource Conservation and Development

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Program Objective: To help local multi-county areas achieve rural economic and resource conservation and development objectives through wise use of natural resources.

Type of assistance: Primarily technical assistance through an RC&D Coordinator.

Eligible activities and applicants: Varies with local needs, but most financial and technical assistance is focused on conservation practices and rural development, e.g. erosion, improvement of public lands. Marketing of local products must be priority of the local RC&D Council.

Application steps and deadlines: Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office or Soil and Water Conservation District office for the name of the local RC&D Coordinator.

Reporting procedures: RC&D project measures reported in a national database.

Total amount of funds available: Funds provide only staffing and services to 9 RC&D areas.

Maximum award amount: Funds are not awarded.

Cash and in-kind match required: Requires local community involvement.

Limitations on use of funds: To provide staff and services only.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Any grant program with rural development or natural resource conservation as an objective.

How have local organizations used this program? To guide economic development, social programs and issues, and resource development and protection at a local level, and to obtain grants for these purposes.

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: RC&D: Resource Conservation and Development

Shooting Range Program

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Program Objective:	To increase the availability of shooting opportunities for the citizens of Indiana and provide them a safe environment in which to participate in shooting sports.
Type of assistance:	Matching grants for up to 75% reimbursement funding for the development and renovation of shooting facilities. This is a reimbursing program whereby recipients do not receive the grant funds at the time that the application is approved. A billing procedure enables the participant to request the federal share of the cost incurred throughout the grant term.
Eligible activities and applicants:	Not-for-profit agencies and local units of government, including park and recreations agencies, are eligible to receive funding from this program. Eligible types of construction include but are not limited to archery ranges, shooting lanes, baffles, berms, backstops, trap and skeet facilities, classrooms for hunter education/firearm safety courses, and support facilities.
Application steps and deadlines:	Application/manuals are available on line or by request. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Division of Outdoor Recreation on or before September 1 of each year.
Reporting procedures:	The Division of Outdoor Recreation and the Division of Fish and Wildlife administer the program on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Total amount of funds available:	Varies.
Maximum award amount:	\$10,000 minimum and \$100,000 maximum.
Cash and in-kind match required:	Project sponsors must document in the project application that they have the local share (25% of the total project cost) available. Local match for the grant may be derived from tax sources, bond issues, force account contributions, cash, or the donated value of labor, equipment or materials.
Limitations on use of funds:	Projects where the costs exceed the public benefit, or where the management of the facility requires intensive and high cost management may be disqualified. Other federal funding sources may not be used as the local share of a project.
Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program?	When park boards or local units of government are the applicant, they may inquire about the Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Planning Fund.
How have local organizations used this program?	To renovate or construct rifle, pistol, trap, skeet, and/or archery ranges etc.
Technical term or acronyms unique to this program:	Pittman -- Robertson Program.

Small Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention

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Program Objective: To help local communities solve natural resource problems. Projects include watershed protection, flood prevention, erosion and sediment control, water supply, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, wetlands creation and restoration, and public recreation in watersheds.

Type of assistance: Cost-sharing and technical assistance.

Eligible activities and applicants: Activities need to solve problems related to flooding, erosion, water quality, and other natural resource problems. Local unit of government or other watershed groups or organizations must sponsor the project.

Application steps and deadlines: Applications must come from local Soil and Water Conservation Districts or other watershed groups. Contact local Natural Resources Conservation Service Field offices or Soil and Water Conservation District offices.

Reporting procedures: Required close-out report. Annual operation and maintenance report required.

Total amount of funds available: Not available

Maximum award amount: None, however plans involving contributions in excess of \$5,000,000 for construction require Congressional approval.

Cash and in-kind match required: Local government must pay a portion, usually 35% to 50%.

Limitations on use of funds: Determined by watershed plan with local workgroup involvement.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Funds from other conservation organizations and local entities and governments.

How have local organizations used this program? To complete flood prevention measures as well as land treatment conservation practices.

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: WF-08: Watershed Operations
PL-566 Watershed projects: Referencing The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, August 4, 1954, (16 U.S.C. 1001-1008).

Urban Forest Conservation Grants

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Program Objective: Help communities develop long term programs to manage their urban forests for cleaner water, cleaner air, and economic and social values.

Type of assistance: Grantees may conduct any project that helps to improve, and protect trees and other associated urban natural resources. Projects funded in the past include activities such as conducting tree inventories, developing tree maintenance and planting plans, writing tree ordinances, conducting training programs, and hiring consultants or professional staff to manage the tree program. Certified Tree Cities may spend up to 100% of the awarded funds on tree planting, maintenance, and removals in designated sites.

Eligible activities and applicants: Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations with 501 C3 status, and county governments are eligible to apply.

Application steps and deadlines: Application deadline is the end of September.

Reporting procedures: Quarterly accomplishment reports mandatory from grantees along with a final project inspection.

Total amount of funds available: Amount of funds vary from year to year.

Maximum award amount: \$2,000 to \$15,000.

Cash and in-kind match required: Grantees must match the grant with an in-kind and/or monetary match.

Limitations on use of funds: Community projects that target urban forestry management, emergency tree response plans, inventories, and planning urban tree plantings that address storm water and air quality issues are eligible for funding.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Community funds, private and corporate donations, local and state grants that are part of the project.

How have local organizations used this program? Several communities have used the grant to help them with their urban forest by conducting a tree inventory, drafting a tree ordinance, hiring a city forester, preparing a community forest management plan, and planting trees that address specific environmental issues such as storm water and air quality.

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: CUF Program -- Community and Urban Forestry

Wetland Reserve Program

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Program Objective: To restore and protect wetlands on private property, through the use of conservation easements and cost-share.

Type of assistance: Purchase of permanent and 30 year easements on private lands; technical assistance; and cost-share on restoration activities.

Eligible activities and applicants: Restoration of wetlands on previously farmed lands. Owners must hold title to land for 12 months prior to application.

Application steps and deadlines: Contact local Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices or Soil and Water Conservation District offices.

Reporting procedures: NRCS personnel will determine when practices have been completed according to standards and specifications.

Total amount of funds available: Indiana's allocation for FY 2007 was \$10,100,000.00 plus \$333,333.00 in Wetland Reserve Enhancement funds. FY 2008 allocation is \$3,200,000.00.

Maximum award amount: No maximum.

Cash and in-kind match required: Landowner is required to pay 25% of the restoration cost on 30 year easements and 25% on restoration only activities. No match is required on permanent easements.

Limitations on use of funds: Minimum easement size is 5 acres. Easement costs are based on appraisals. Easements are capped on county geographic caps with a range from \$1,600 to \$3,800 per acre depending on the particular county. Minimum size for cost-share on restoration only is 1 acre.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Funds from other wildlife organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy.

How have local organizations used this program? To restore numerous acres of wetland and wildlife habitat with particular emphasis on migratory species.

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: WRP: Wetland Reserve Program

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

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Program Objective: To protect, restore, develop, or improve habitats for fish and wildlife on private lands, including Tribal lands and some State and Local lands.

Type of assistance: Provides cost-sharing funds of 75% up to a specified maximum for the practices necessary to establish, protect, restore, or improve habitat; and provides technical assistance.

Eligible activities and applicants: Activities are for participants who own or control lands and agree to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan. Applicants whose applications provide the greatest wildlife habitat benefits, according to each state's priorities, will be funded.

Application steps and deadlines: Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office or Soil and Water Conservation District office. Applications will be accepted continuously throughout the year and will be approved based on the availability of funds.

Reporting procedures: NRCS personnel will determine when practices have been completed according to standards and specifications.

Total amount of funds available: Indiana's allocation for FY 2007 was \$398,481. FY 2008 allocation is \$886,629.

Maximum award amount: The cost share amount is limited to \$50,000 per applicant in Indiana. Agreements are for 5 to 10 years.

Cash and in-kind match required: High priority is given to applications that provide the greatest wildlife habitat benefit. Landowner is responsible for 25% of practice cost.

Limitations on use of funds: To meet objectives of the program. Other federal program funds cannot be used on the same acreage as the WHIP funds.

Which finance programs/tools are particularly well suited to be used in conjunction with this program? Wildlife organizations such as Quail Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited.

How have local organizations used this program? To plant numerous acres of wildlife habitat to benefit threatened and endangered species.

Technical term or acronyms unique to this program: WHIP: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program