

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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North Dakota Parks and Recreation receives Land and Water Conservation grant funds

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) received approximately \$388,794 of federal grant monies July 9, available for outdoor recreation projects through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for fiscal year 2014.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established nearly 50 years ago to invest in the nation's land, water and wildlife heritage. For five decades, LWCF helped support parks and historic sites; conserved forests, rivers, lakes and wildlife habitat; and provided access to recreation, hunting and fishing for current and future generations. The fund's primary source of income is fees paid by oil and gas companies drilling offshore in waters owned by the American people. North Dakota has received \$36,627,940.64 in LWCF funds since 1965.

The LWCF is a 50/50 matching grant program administered at the state level by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and funded at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS). The LWCF provides grants for outdoor recreation projects such as ball fields, pools, campgrounds, playgrounds and land acquisitions for park development.

The next application cycle will open in October 2014. Information will be available at www.parkrec.nd.gov.