

### ORLP PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS



- 1. Download the FY 2023-2024 Round 7 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at: <a href="https://floridadep.gov/lands/land-and-recreation-grants/content/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-program">https://floridadep.gov/lands/land-and-recreation-grants/content/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-program</a>.
- 2. Determine if your park or outdoor recreation location AND community served is within a community (Census tract) that is determined to be disadvantaged per the *Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool at:* <a href="https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov">https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov</a>.





### **ORLP AGENDA**

#### PRESENTATION AGENDA

- ORLP Program Purpose and Overview
- ORLP Grant Program Eligibility Requirements
- Preparing the ORLP Application:
   Federal Forms, Labeling Supporting Documentation and Proposal Elements, and Application Submission
- Questions and Wrap-up







### ORLP PROGRAM PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

ORLP Notice of Funding Opportunity and LWCF Federal Financial Assistance Manual

### Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) – Round 7

The Land and Water Conservation Fund OUTDOOR RECREATON LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ORLP) is a nationally competitive, federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance for the acquisition or development of park land, in disadvantaged areas, for general-public outdoor recreation.

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program was established in 2014 and is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. ORLP is also a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program. It was created to aid disadvantaged, urban communities that lack access to close-by outdoor recreation and lack the funding for proper maintenance upkeep and/or renovation costs. Again, funds from the ORLP grant may be used for the acquisition, development of, or substantial renovation of, public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces.

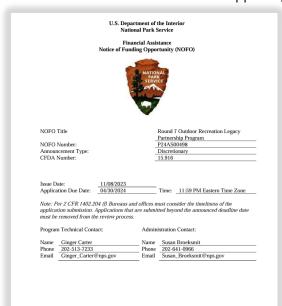
Projects may include any or all manners of outdoor recreation activities such as structured and unstructured play areas, playgrounds, campgrounds, picnicking, sports fields, court sports such as basketball, tennis and pickleball, tracks and paths for running, walking, skating or biking, bird watching areas, water-based recreation facilities such as fishing, swimming pools, paddling, boating, and spray playgrounds, as well as for outdoor recreation facilities and some supporting facilities and infrastructure like restrooms,

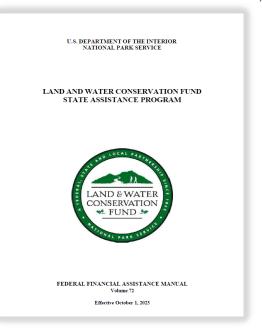
bathhouses, or parking areas, when part of an overall recreation project.

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### ORLP PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND AWARD INFORMATION

### Round 7 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

# □ Program Purpose ORLP provides new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in economically-disadvantaged communities. ORLP projects are selected through a National Park Service-led national competition of projects solicited and nominated by the lead (LWCF) State Agencies. □ Cycle Information and Deadline The Round 7 funding opportunity for the State of Florida was announced in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on December 4, 2023, Issue 49/233. The

The Round 7 funding opportunity for the State of Florida was announced in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on December 4, 2023, Issue 49/233. The grant cycle opened this January 2024 and the deadline for submission of an application, to the State of Florida, for consideration and nomination is **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 5pm.** The application process for ORLP will be a multi-step process. Land and Recreation Grants program staff will conduct preliminary reviews, upload eligible proposals into Grants.gov, and make all nominations to NPS' review team for consideration and final award decisions on or before April 30, 2024. The National Park Service's staff will begin their reviews on, or shortly after April 30, 2024. Because of the limited window for review and submission, there **will not** be an ORLP deficiency period.

#### □ Local Project Sponsor Eligibility

Eligible project sponsors include local units of government: cities, towns, villages, or counties, and special purpose districts with the legal responsibility for providing outdoor recreational sites and facilities for the use and benefit of the general public.

#### □ Project Eligibility

ORLP projects must be consistent with the purposes and requirements of the LWCF Act and LWCF Manual. In addition, ORLP project must specifically meet all the following requirements as outline in the Notice of Funding Opportunity:

- 1. Be located within an incorporated city (or town) having a population of 30,000 or more in the 2020 Census, and
- 2. Be located within a community (Census tract) that is determined to be disadvantaged per the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool (includes tract of the project site and community(ies) served).
- 3. Proposed projects must align with the above listed ORLP purposes to be considered for selection, as well as contain the ORLP project criteria.



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#### **☐ Expected Award Amount & Match Requirement**

- Project sponsors must match the grant award at 1:1 (50%-50%) with non-federal dollars.
- Grant Minimum Request: \$300,000
- Grant Maximum Request: \$15,000,00

#### ☐ Eligible Match and Budget

- Cash
- Well Documented In-kind Services and Contributions (land, materials and/or volunteer services)
- Other approved and authorized Federal Funding Sources must be documented and supporting documents included in application.

#### □ Anticipated Federal Award Date

• If your grant application is accepted and approved by the National Park Service, the anticipated federal award announcement date for selected projects will be November 01, 2025.

#### Anticipated Term of Agreement if Awarded

- February 1, 2026 February 28, 2028
- Agreement terms for funded projects will run between two and three years depending on the negotiated project statement of work. Grant Agreements are
  not effective until fully executed with signature from the NPS Financial Assistance Awarding Officer.



### ORLP INELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Projects not identified in the Census Tract and not located within a community that is determined to be disadvantaged within the Census Tract.
- LWCF formula grant projects that have closed within the last seven (7) years, at the same park, even if the scope of the project is different, or sites that are currently receiving funding under the LWCF formula grant.
- A site that will not serve communities of 30,000 or more.
- Properties that are pre-existing easements.
- Leased properties.
- Properties that the Applicant has no Site Control of the project boundary.
- Non-viable Recreation Areas.
- School Board Property or School Board Connected Property.
- Stormwater Infrastructure Projects.
- Indoor recreation infrastructures & other buildings (visitor and community centers, indoor sports complexes, gymnasiums, etc.).
- Projects that have support facilities that are more than 50% of the total project cost.
- A project site that has documented and/or unresolved environmental violations.





#### **APPLICATION CONTENT**

All ORLP applicants must complete the mandatory standard forms (SF 424's) and general application information (approximately 13 to 16 items), and any applicable optional forms, in accordance with the federal NOFO. Please do not include any proprietary or personally identifiable information, as applications will be posted to the public federal accountability website: USAspending.gov.

### **APPLICATION PAGE LIMITS**

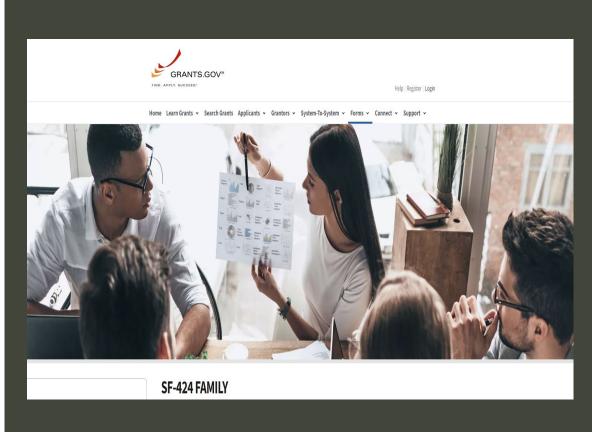
Page limit specifications for general application information and specific elements are noted within the NOFO. The overall **project application may not exceed 40-pages**, excluding optional letters of support. Documentation beyond the stated page limit, **and** linked information within the application, **will not** be reviewed or considered.



# A Complete ORLP Application will Contain the Following Items MANDATORY STANDARD FORMS (SF 424 series and Project Abstract Summary)

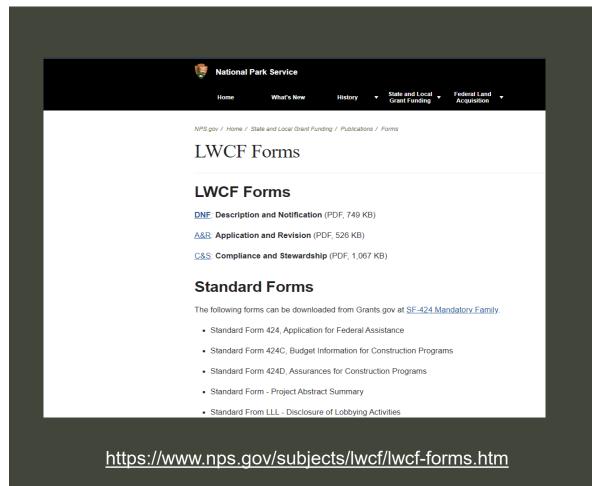
- 1. Standard Form SF424, Application for Federal Assistance.
- 2. Standard Form SF424C, Budget Information for Construction Programs.
- 3. Standard Form SF429 and SF424B, Real Property Status Report (acquisition projects).
- 4. Standard Form SF424D, Assurances for Construction Programs.
- 5. Standard Form SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.
- 6. Standard Form Project Abstract Summary.





https://grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-family

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Round 7 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program





# A Complete ORLP Application will Contain the Following Items GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

- 7. Project Narrative (max 10 pages, 12-pt font) Consists of 3-sections. Following instructions in this section.
  - A. Project Data Page (max 1 page) Following instructions in this section.
  - B. Project Overview (max 2 pages) Following instructions in this section.
- C. Project Criteria Information (remaining pages) Provide required criteria information as detailed in **Section E-Application Review** of the NOFO.
- 8. Detailed Budget Narrative (max 5 pages) Following instructions in this section.
- 9. Project Timeline (max 1 page) Following instructions in this section.



# A Complete ORLP Application will Contain the Following Items GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION - continued

10. Photos of current site, element and facility conditions is required, as well as the the surrounding environment for the recreation area.

### 11. Maps (2 minimum):

- A. A Boundary Map (or Aerial Photo) Delineating Project Area and Proposed Boundary must clearly indicate area to be acquired and/or developed, as well as the proposed boundary of the larger park/recreation area that would be subject to the LWCF perpetual protection provisions, all known outstanding rights and interests in the area held by others, total acres within the boundary(ies), and a north arrow.
- B. A Conceptual Site Plan or Sketch of Planned Site Features identifying location of planned recreational improvements and other site features, such as where the public will access the site, parking, etc., is required.

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# A Complete ORLP Application will Contain the Following Items GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION - continued

- 12. Letters of Commitment of Secured Contributions/Matching Share clearly stating the amount and type of contribution. Contributions from project sponsor must also be confirmed.
- 13. US FWS iPAC Consistency Letter and Environmental Review Submission, and if prompted in iPAC, the applicable Endangered Species List. https://www.fws.gov/guidance/.

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# A Complete ORLP Application will Contain the Following Items APPLICABLE and OPTIONAL FORMS

- 14. Letters of Support (optional).
- General Letters of Support and/or Letters of support from Congress (support letters from Congress must be included with application to be considered).
- 15. Feasibility Report (if available).
- 16. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Determination of Effect Letter (if available). If not available by the close of submission, the local sponsor can request and submit at a later, if the grant proposal is advanced.





### **ORLP Application Criterion and Points**

Criterion 1
Project Merit
Maximum Points: 50

\*with possible 5-bonus points awarded to nature-based projects

Criterion 2
Technical Excellence
Maximum Points: 50



### **ORLP Application Submission Cycle Deadline**

February 29, 2024, at 5:00p.m., EST

Submit 1 hard copy of the COMPLETE application to:

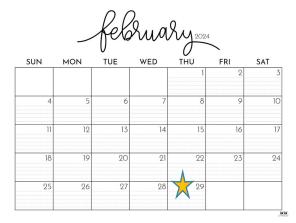
Department of Environment Protection

Land and Recreation Grants Section

3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS 585

Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Applications must be received before or by deadline date and time. There will not be a deficiency period.









### RESOURCE INFORMATION

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Florida Division of Recreation and Park Office of Park Planning (850) 245-3051 https://floridadep.gov/parks/florida-scorp-outdoor-recreation-florida

Florida Division of State Land
 Bureau of Appraisal
 (850) 245-3076
 <a href="https://floridadep.gov/lands/bureau-appraisal">https://floridadep.gov/lands/bureau-appraisal</a>

Florida Department of State
Division of Historical Resources
State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
(850) 245-6333
<a href="https://dos.fl.gov/historical/">https://dos.fl.gov/historical/</a>



# Land and Recreation Grants LWCF Staff Contact Information

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