



November 16, 2023

Regarding: Notice of Funding Opportunity: 2024
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Dear Potential Grant Applicants,

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, I am pleased to announce a new funding opportunity, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP). This grant program is funded through the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The program was created in 2014 as a complement to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program, and seeks to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in economically-disadvantaged communities.

For 2024, a total of \$224 million nationwide are available for outdoor recreation projects (a combination of grant funds appropriated by Congress in FY23 and unused funds from prior years). The National Park Service anticipated November 1, 2024 for announcing the selected projects. Selected projects must submit a full application for NPS final review within one year of the announcement (Nov. 1, 2025) to remain eligible for funding. Awards will be made upon NPS's final review and approval of the full application. Eligible applicants include other state agencies and local governments such as cities, counties, and special purpose districts, such as park districts, within, or abutting, a city with a population of at least 30,000 people.

The project request amount is a minimum of \$300,000 and a maximum of \$15,000,000. The deadline to submit a project application is February 16th. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has been designated the lead agency in Missouri. We are currently accepting project applications. If your project is selected, the Grants Management Section of Missouri State Parks will work with you to submit an application on your behalf to the National Park Service. To submit a project application please review the notice of funding opportunity and submit the application information required in Section D on pages 10-18 by mail to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resource
Division of State Parks
Grants Management Section
Attn: ORLP Planner
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176



For your convenience, an application checklist has been provided (also attached) to ensure that you submit the required information. Everything in the notice of funding opportunity needs to be completed, except the SF424, pre-award inspection and the letter of recommendation from the State Liaison Officer (if selected we will provide this documentation). Applications will be scored using the criteria outlined in Section E starting on page 19 of the notice of funding opportunity.

Missouri's Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan referenced in the email is available at:

https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/2018-2022%20Show%20Me%20the%20Great%20Outdoors_SCORP_Final.pdf.

City Parks Alliance hosted an ORLP informational webinar. Here is a link to the recording of the webinar. [Urban Park Grant Opportunity \(ORLP\) Technical Assistance - City Parks Alliance](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

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