



Project Priority Scoring System
Large County & Municipality Recreation & Parks Account
Urban Indoor Grant Program
(Effective May 1, 2014)

Applicant Eligibility

All previously completed Recreation Grant Projects must be in compliance with all program guidelines and all terms of the Project Agreement under which they received assistance.

For active grants, all required project documentation must be complete and have been received on schedule. All active projects which are at least two years old must be reimbursed for a minimum of 25% of the approved grant amount at the time of application.

The total of approved grant funds which have not been reimbursed may not exceed \$4 million for all active grant projects at the time of application.

1. Master Plan

Total Range: 0-10 points

- Applicant has a locally adopted and department-endorsed parks, recreation and open space master plan, or other jurisdiction-wide plan, that addresses outdoor recreation needs. (5 points); and
- Project satisfies 1 of the top 5 priority needs (5 points)

2. Underserved Populations

Total Range: 0-10 points

- Project provides more equitable geographic distribution of facilities. Project proposal shall include a map showing the current distribution of parks in the entire service area to support a need in a particular location entire service area to justify additional facility. (4 points); and/or
- Project improves opportunities for low-income citizens based on economic and demographic

data for the service area from the most recent federal census data: determined by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as low-income by 2. (0-2 points); and/or

- Project improves opportunities for minority citizens based on economic and demographic data for the service area from the most recent federal census data: determined by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as minority by 2. (0-2 points); and/or
- Project provides park and recreation opportunities for physically/mentally challenged citizens, which exceed the federal and state required accessibility standards. (2 points)

3. Local Resources and Partnerships

Total Range: 0-8 points

- Project involves public-public or public-private cooperation based on the percentage of the match contributed by partners. Points are calculated by dividing the partner contribution by the total budget and multiplying by five. (0-5 points); and/or
- Project includes documented contributions via the applicant or outside resources above the 50% required match. Up to 3 points will be awarded based on the following criteria: $(\text{Additional Contribution Amount} / \text{Required Match}) \times 3 =$ (0-3 points)

4. Development

Total Range: 0-9 points

- Nature center that provides natural resource conservation or environmental education visitor experiences (5 points); and/or
- Multi-purpose recreation facilities (1 point); and/or
- Diverse recreation facilities within the applicant's jurisdiction; one point awarded for each type of significant recreation opportunity. (0-3points)

5. Restoration

Total Range: 0-15 points

Project provides for the renovation of existing recreation and conservation facilities that are no longer usable for the intended or original purpose; renewal or revival of existing facilities. Basic maintenance is not an eligible expense.

- Points will be awarded based on percentage of the budget dedicated to restoration of an existing structure. (0-15 points); and/or
- Adaptive reuse of existing structure or facility to provide new or different recreation opportunities; points will be awarded based on the percentage of the budget dedicated to the adaptive reuse (0-10 points)

6. Threat

Total Range: 0-3 points

Project reduces the threat to the public availability of a recreation opportunity. The project narrative must include a discussion of the particular compelling circumstances involving the project, such as imminent loss of opportunity or time-sensitive economic factors (i.e. loss of potential funding partner if action is not undertaken quickly).

- Minimal threat; the recreation opportunity appears to be in no immediate danger of loss in the next 36 months (1 point); or
- Actions under consideration that could result in the recreation opportunity becoming unavailable for public use (2 points); or
- Actions under consideration that will result in the recreation opportunity becoming unavailable for future public use or a threat situation has occurred or is imminent that will result in the acquisition of rights to the land by a land trust at the request of the applicant. (3 points)

7. Urban Biologist Consultation

Total Range: 0-5 points

Applicant has consulted with an urban biologist from the department regarding the proposed site plan at least 30 days prior to the application deadline and the biologist's comments are included in the application materials. (5 points)

8. Sustainable Park Design and Development

Total Range: 0-5 points

The project embraces sustainable techniques in the design and construction of the facility. Points will be awarded based on diversity, innovative nature and/or cost of the project elements. (0-5 points)

9. Historical/Cultural resources

Total Range: 0-2 points

Project provides park and recreation opportunities that enhance and encourage appreciation and preservation of site-based cultural, natural, historical or archaeological resources by means of interpretation, facilities, or preservation strategies. (2 points)

10. TPWD Goals

Total Range: 0-10 points

Applicant must specifically describe how the project meets the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Plan. (0-10 points)

11. Compliance

Total Point Reduction: -5 points

Applicant is not in compliance with previously funded projects. (-5 points)

12. Application Materials

Total Range: 0-5 points

A complete application was received by the application deadline. (5 points)