



**Project Priority Scoring System  
Texas Recreation & Parks Account  
Small Community 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 50% of the approved grant amount at the time of application.

The total of approved grant funds which have not been reimbursed may not exceed \$2 million for all active grant projects at the time of application.

**1. Population**

Total Range: 0- 3 points

Population of the applicant is 2,500 or less based on the most recent federal census data. (3 points)

**2. Geographic Distribution**

Total Point Range: 0-10 points

The project will improve the geographic distribution of park and recreation lands and facilities in the project's service area or within the applicant's jurisdiction.

- Project provides the first public park in the applicant's jurisdiction or intended service area. (10 points); **or**
- Project provides significantly new and different park and recreation opportunities (other than school facilities) at the project site. One point per facility identified by documented public input process to be a need. (0-3 points)

### 3. Outdoor Recreation/Conservation vs. Support Costs

Total Range: 0-10 points

Project maximizes the use of development funds for direct outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities as determined by dividing the direct recreational and conservation costs by the total construction costs and multiplying the result by 10. (0-10 points)

### 4. Underserved Populations

Total Range: 0-12 points

- Project improves opportunities for low-income citizens based on economic and demographic data for the service area from the most recent federal census data. Points will be calculated by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as low income by five. (0-5 points); **and/or**
- Project improves opportunities for ethnic minority citizens based on economic and demographic data for the service area from the most recent federal census data. Points will be calculated by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as minority by five. (0-5 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)

### 5. Local Resources and Partnerships

Total Range: 0-10 points

The project involves local resources or documented cooperation between the applicant and other public or private entities to provide park and recreation opportunities at the project site(s).

- Project involves the contribution of resources from sources other than the applicant, including publicly owned non-parkland, which serves as all or part of the applicant's matching share of funds. Up to five points may be awarded on a percentage basis, as determined by dividing the total outside contribution value by the total match and multiplying the result by five. (0-5 points); and/or
- Project includes documented contributions via the applicant or outside resources above the 50% required match. Up to five points will be awarded based on the following criteria:  $(\text{Additional Contribution Amount} / \text{Required Match}) \times 5 = (0-5 \text{ points})$

## **6. Renovation**

Total Range: 0-10 points

Project provides for the renovation of an existing obsolete area or facility, as determined by dividing the renovation cost by the total construction cost and multiplying the result by ten. (0-10 points)

## **7. Sustainable Park Design**

Total Range: 0-5 points

Points for this category will be awarded based on how the overall project embraces sustainable techniques in the design and construction of the park, including but not limited to the diversity, innovative nature and/or cost of the project elements. (0-5 points)

## **8. TPWD Goals**

Total Range: 0-2 points

Project supports the department's Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan. Applicant must address how the project meets the goals of the Plan in the proposal narrative. (0-2 points)

## **9. Compliance**

Total Points Deducted: -5 points

Applicant is in compliance with previously funded projects. If applicant is not in compliance with existing grant obligations, 5 points will be deducted from the project score. (-5 points)

## **10. Application Materials**

Total Range: 0- 5 points

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