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# SCPRT Grant Programs



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LWCF is a federally-funded grant program administered by SCPRT for the acquisition and development of *outdoor* recreation areas.

LWCF Funds may be used for Acquisition and/or Development.

LWCF funds are available only for local or state agencies.

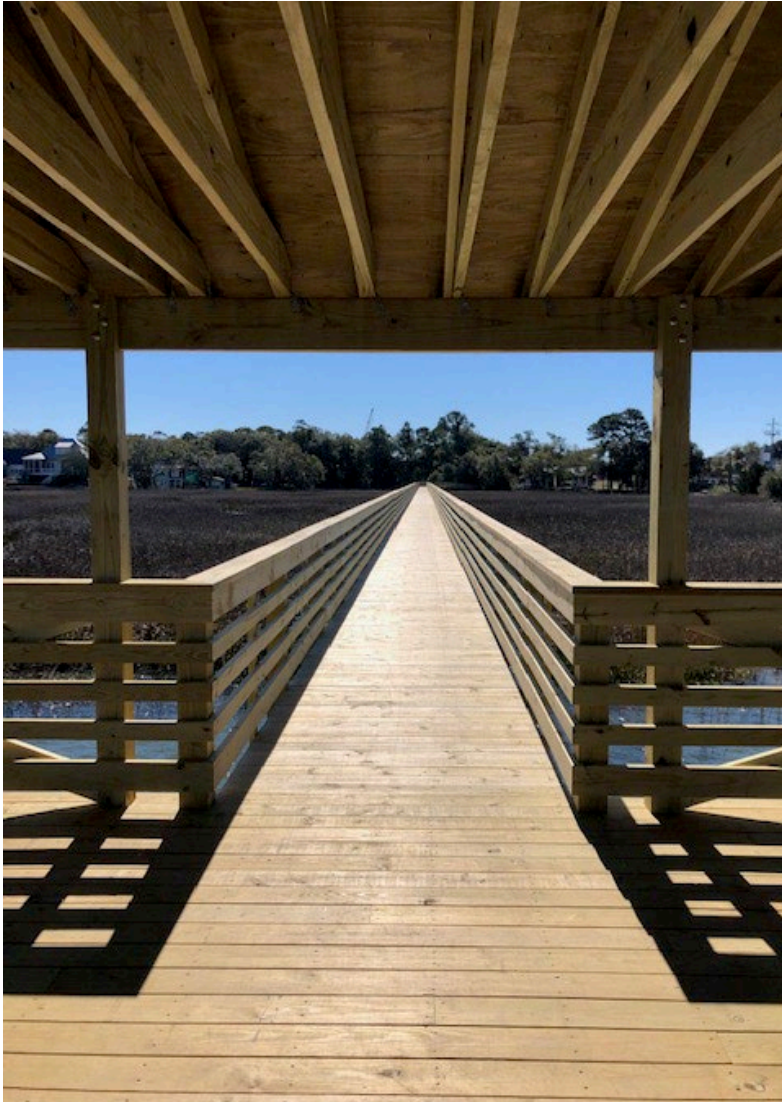
Grants provided under the program require a 50% match and are reimbursable.

The minimum grant request is \$50,000 and the maximum amount is \$300,000. However, if the proposed project is determined to have regional or statewide significance it may be eligible for funding up to \$500,000.

Property must be owned outright by the applicant to be eligible for grant assistance.

**Application Cycle will open Summer 2025**





## LWCF Eligible Projects

- Acquisition Projects
- Development Projects
- Combination of Acquisition & Development





# Acquisition Projects

- Public outdoor recreation *only*
- Must be fee simple that will allow the restriction of use in perpetuity
- Applicant required to have an appraisal prepared (at the applicant's expense) conforming to Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (Yellow Book)
- Appraisal must be reviewed by an SCPRT-appointed independent review appraiser (also at the applicant's expense) who must certify that the appraisal meets UASFLA standards
- Appraisal must be submitted with the application
- Applicant may not apply for more than half of the appraised value of the property, or the grant maximum, whichever is less





# Development Projects

- Construction of new and/or renovation of existing facilities for outdoor recreation *only*
- Associated support facilities and infrastructure are eligible (*lighting, parking, roads, water/sewer, restrooms, etc.*)
- Certain indoor facilities supporting outdoor recreation activities in the project area may be eligible (*restrooms, visitor information kiosks, buildings that interpret resources of the project area*)
- Property developed must have adequate land tenure by the Application deadline and retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use





## What is the LWCF grant period?

- LWCF projects are allowed a 24 month grant period
- Development projects must be complete and open to the public at the end of the grant period
- Acquisition projects must be developed and open to the public for outdoor recreation within 3 years of the property acquisition closing date







## Other LWCF Requirements

Park inspections required every 5 years by SCPRT staff

Requires perpetual park management and must be attractive and inviting to the public

Previously funded projects must show that LWCF properties are in good condition and being used appropriately

LWCF sign must be posted on the property

**Application Cycle will be announced in Summer 2025**

**Grant Awards will be announced in October 2026**



## Examples of LWCF Grant Funded Projects

- City of Aiken, Virginia Acres Park – playground equipment & surfacing, perimeter fencing
- City of Rock Hill, Manchester Meadows – synthetic turf replacement
- City of York, York City Park – redevelopment of the park (2018 & 2022)
- City of Aiken, Smith Hazel Park – redevelopment of the park (project still in development)
- City of North Augusta, Sharon Jones Amphitheater – construction of restroom facility
- Aiken County, Langley Pond Park – inclusive playground equipment
- Greenville County, Pavilion Park – resurfacing parking lot
- City of Newberry, Wise Street Park – renovate ballfield, basketball courts, parking, playground
- Town of Cheraw, Arrowhead Park – splash pad (awarded 2024)



# UNDISCOVERED

## GRANT



The Undiscovered SC grant program was established in 2014 to provide assistance to local governments for the creation or expansion of viable tourism products with the potential to add value to their communities.

The applicant must be a county or municipal government with total State Accommodations Tax distributions of \$900,000 or less.

The minimum grant award is \$100,000, and the maximum grant award is \$200,000.

This reimbursable grant requires a 1:1 cash match.

**Application Cycle will be announced in May 2025**

**Grant Awards will be announced in October 2025**



## Recreational Trails Program

RTP is a federally-funded grant program of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that provides funds to states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities.

RTP receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used for nonhighway recreation.

The minimum grant amount available is \$10,000, with a maximum of \$100,000 for *Nonmotorized* trail projects.

OHV trail projects are eligible for the maximum amount of *Motorized* funding available.



## Who can apply?

- Local, State and Federal agencies
- Established nonprofit organizations
  - Must be a registered 501(c)(3) organization and provide copy of IRS tax exempt letter
- Established for-profit organizations
  - Must be “in the business of recreation”

\*Nonprofit and for-profit organizations must have at least one full-time employee and operate recreational facilities open to the public.



## Eligible Projects

- Construction of new recreational trails
  - Hiking/walking
  - Cycling/mountain biking
  - OHV-use (ATVs and off-road motorcycles)
  - Kayaking/Canoeing
  - Horseback riding/equestrian
- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailhead and trailside amenities

**SCPRT will begin accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) in August 2025**





## Points of Interest

- RTP project agreement period is 18 months
- 25-year project compliance term
- Project sponsors must follow state procurement code and regulations
- RTP is a reimbursement grant that requires at least a 20% match — project sponsor pays 100% up front — RTP reimburses up to 80% of total project cost
- For more information, contact Neal Hamilton at (803) 734-0735 or [nhamilton@scprt.com](mailto:nhamilton@scprt.com)



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## Recreation and Tourism Grants

The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism administers several grant programs ranging from development of public recreational opportunities throughout the state to marketing support for qualified nonprofit organizations.

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### Beach Renourishment Funding Assistance Grant Program

A grant that provides funding assistance to local governments in South Carolina for beach renourishment. ...



### Destination-Specific Tourism Marketing Grant

SCPRT offers destination-specific marketing grants to qualified tourism partners. ....



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