

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Tourism & Recreation Development Grant Programs

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) - LWCF is a federally-funded grant program administered by SCPRT for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas. 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.

Eligible Activities: Park land acquisition, Construction/renovation of outdoor recreation facilities

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Recreational Trails Program (RTP) - RTP is a federally-funded grant program available to state, federal and local government agencies or qualified private organizations for the purpose of building or improving trails. In South Carolina, SCPRT administers RTP as a reimbursable grant program that requires a 20% match for trail projects across the State. The minimum grant amount available under the program is \$10,000, with a maximum of \$100,000. Motorized projects are eligible for the maximum amount of motorized funding available.

Eligible Activities: New trail development, trail reconstruction, construction of trail support facilities

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Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) - PARD is a state-funded, non-competitive reimbursable grant program for eligible local governments or special purpose districts that provide recreational opportunities within each county. The funds are used for permanent indoor or outdoor improvements to public parks and recreation facilities. Each applicant must have the endorsement of its county legislative delegation members with a combined weight factor of more than 50%. Eligible project costs are reimbursed at a rate of 80% (80/20 match). New allocations are received in July of every year.

Eligible Activities: Construction/renovation of permanent indoor or outdoor recreation facilities

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Undiscovered SC Grants – The Undiscovered SC grant program was established to assist local governments in 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.

Eligible Activities: Construction/renovation of sports tourism facilities, historic or cultural attractions

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Sports Tourism Advertising & Recruitment Grant (STAR) – The STAR grant program provides financial assistance to local governments or nonprofit tourism organizations for the recruitment of new sporting events in South Carolina. The program will provide a 1:1 match up to \$50,000 per event for common sporting event recruitment costs such as bid fees, event advertising and equipment rentals directly related to the event. Applications may be submitted year-round.

Eligible Activities: Bid/hosting fees, equipment rentals, event promotion and advertising

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