### Instructions:

### About:

The Local Park Grant Program assists local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All fund assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public.

This year we are offering five grant programs: the Small Community Grant Program, the Non-Urban Outdoor Grant Program, and the Urban Outdoor Grant Program, the Urban Indoor Grant Program, and the Non-Urban Indoor Grant Program.

Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. This includes cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts. If you have questions regarding eligibility please contact the Local Park Grants Staff.

We have developed technical assistance to help guide you through your application process. We have added links to this assistance throughout the application. It is also available on the Recreation Grants Online Resources Page <u>HERE</u>.

You can watch a recording of our most recent Grant Writing webinar HERE.

We expect many Non-Urban Outdoor and Urban Outdoor Grant awards to be funded by the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by the National Park Service. Please be aware that federal grants may require a lengthy environmental and historic compliance process after the award is announced and before a grant agreement can be secured. Construction may not occur until a grant agreement is in place.

### **DEADLINE**

### The application deadline is: Thursday, August 1st, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time.

Once you have completed your application, you must **SUBMIT** it - otherwise it will not be routed to staff for scoring and review. You will not be able to submit after 5:00 PM on the day that it is due. For instructions on submitting your application see the RGO 2020 Quick Start Guide in 'Resources' area of this website located HERE.

#### IMPORTANT!

## **Unique Entity Identifier - REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Federal law (2 CFR Part 25) mandates that all entities applying for Federal financial assistance must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (formerly DUNS) and have a current registration in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR).

### **SAM Number - REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Register in SAM online at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>. Once registered in SAM, entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly urged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to ensure that SAM is up to date and in synch

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with changes that may have been made to Unique Entity Identifier and IRS information.

# **Application Documents to Review Before Completing the Application**

All required documents are available in the 'Resources' area of this website (<u>located HERE</u>), and fillable-downloadable forms will be available in the appropriate sections within the application.

Download the required documents list **HERE** 

Click the link(s) below for population requirements and scoring criteria for each of the individual programs: Population

Requirements and Grant Amounts

Non-Urban Outdoor and Non-Urban Indoor Scoring Criteria

Urban Outdoor and Urban Indoor Scoring Criteria

Small Community Scoring Criteria

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# **Project Schedule Guidelines**

**ACTIVITY** 

Applications Open

Application Deadline

**Awards Announced** 

Site Visit

**Grant Management** 

Workshop

Pre-Agreement Compliance for LWCF

Grants

**Grant Agreement Issued** 

**Grant Contract Period** 

Status Reports

TIME FRAME

May 1, 2024

August 1, 2024 at 5PM CST

January 2025

February - March 2025

April 2025

April 2025, or later

August - October 2025, or

later

4 years from Grant Agreement Date

Quarterly

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## Technical Information and Support

If you need technical support, please contact our office by phone (512-389-8224) or email (<a href="mailto:rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov">rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov</a>).

Our normal hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

Once you've completed all of the documents associated with this application, you still must **SUBMIT** it by the application deadline in order for it to be considered. For instructions on submitting your application see the RGO 2020 Quick Start Guide in 'Resources' area of this website <u>located HERE</u>.

Once submitted, you can download a PDF/print version of your completed application, but you will NO LONGER be able to make changes to it. If you discover an error in your submitted application BEFORE the deadline and wish to edit it, contact our office at <a href="mailto:rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov">rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov</a>.

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Paper copies of the application will not be accepted.

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