

## About Readiness and Recreation Initiative:

In 2023, Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) joined forces to preserve land around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation for millions of Americans and defense communities. Through the Readiness and Recreation Initiative, DOI's National Park Service will provide funding from unobligated LWCF balances as potential match to the DOD's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program funding to safeguard natural areas, protect water resources, preserve cultural heritage sites, and provide recreation opportunities for the public while preserving military mission.

On January 30, 2024, the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance Program, in partnership with DOD's REPI Program, announced the release of the Fiscal Year (FY) [2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Through the FY 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative, the National Park Service will provide \$40 million in funding from unobligated LWCF balances as a potential match for REPI Program funding to support projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to military families and the public while also promoting military readiness and resilience.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligible projects must occur within REPI Partnership Opportunity Areas (defined as a military installation or range's priority area for REPI projects) and/or designated sentinel landscapes. Please refer to the [REPI Interactive Map](#) to determine eligibility locations.
- Projects will be selected through a National Park Service-led competition amongst projects solicited and nominated by each LWCF State Lead Agency.

## Resources:

- Read the full [Readiness and Recreation Initiative NOFO](#).
- Refer to the [REPI Interactive Map](#) to determine eligibility locations.
- View the Readiness and [Readiness and Recreation Initiative Help Session recording](#) and [download the presentation](#).
- Questions specific to REPI Program funding for the 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative can be directed to [osd.repi@mail.mil](mailto:osd.repi@mail.mil).

We require interested sponsors to contact the Local Park Grants Staff before completing an application to assess whether your political subdivision and proposed project qualify for this REPI funding opportunity.

More information is included in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

Award Ceiling: \$5,000,000

Award Floor: \$250,000

PLEASE NOTE: If awarded an REPI grant, it is highly unlikely that you will be able to change your project scope. Please do your best to develop a project scope that is accurately priced and unlikely to change.

## DEADLINE

### **The application deadline is: June 28th, 2024 at 5pm**

Once you have completed your application, you must submit it to Recreation Grants for official state review. For instructions on submitting your application, see the RGO 2020 Quick Start Guide in the 'Resources' area of this website [located HERE](#).

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Once submitted, you can download your complete application, but you will NO LONGER be able to make changes to it. If you discover an error in your submitted application PRIOR to the deadline and wish to edit it, contact our office at [rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:rec.grants@tpwd.texas.gov).

### IMPORTANT!

#### UEI Number (REQUIRED)

Sponsors: Federal law (2 CFR Part 25, Central Contractor Registry and Data Universal Numbering System) mandates that all entities applying for Federal financial assistance must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and have a current registration in the Central Contractor Registry

#### SAM Number (REQUIRED)

Sponsors: Register in SAM online at <https://www.sam.gov>. 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 with changes that may have been made to UEI and IRS information.

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

Local Park Grant staff recommends consulting the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the REPI program

### Project Schedule Guidelines

ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME
Applications Open	May 10, 2024
TPWD Application Deadline	June 28, 2024
NPS Application Deadline	April 30, 2024
Awards Announced	January 1, 2025
Anticipated Term of Agreement	April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028
Quarterly Status Reports (if awarded)	Every three (3) months through the project duration

If you have questions regarding any part the application documents or processes, please contact us:

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#### Technical Information and Support:

If you need technical support, please contact our office by phone (512-389-8224) or email ([Recreation Grants](#)).

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Normal business hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

In addition to thoroughly reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity, the Local Parks team recommends reviewing the printed and video resources linked below before initiating your 2024 REPI application:

[REPI Technical Assistance - Webinar](#)

[REPI - Other Supporting Documents](#)

**Paper copies of the application will not be accepted.**

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### Sponsor Information

Name of Sponsor/Applying Entity:	City of Killeen
Sponsor City:	Killeen
Sponsor Address (Street):	101 N College Street
Sponsor State:	Texas
Sponsor County:	Bell County
Sponsor Zip Code:	76541
Sponsor Phone:	(254) 501-8838
Sponsor Fax (if applicable):	
Tax ID #/Comptroller ID (if government entity):	17460015047
Tax Exempt #/EIN (If Non-profit):	
SAM - CAGE Code:	1LXD9
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI Number):	LKV2KLTN9M48

### Primary Grant Management Contact for this Application

Application's Primary Contact: If primary contact is not shown in the dropdown menu, your Sponsor Administrator will need to add that person to this application (instructions for doing that can be found [HERE](#)). Primary Contact Information will populate below after saving the page.

Kazakos, Crystal

#### Primary Contact Information:

Primary Contact First Name:	Crystal
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Primary Contact Last Name:	Kazakos
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Primary Contact City:	Killeen
Primary Contact State:	Texas
Primary Contact Zip Code:	76542
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Primary Contact Fax (if applicable):	
Primary Contact Email:	ckazakos@killeentexas.gov

### Application Prepared By

Is the 'Primary Grant Management Contact' the person preparing this application for submission?

☒ Yes      ☐ No  
☐ No

# Eligibility Confirmation, Legal Information and Compliance

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## Legal Information

Do you have your UEI and SAMS Number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you read the Certification and Program Assurances document in its entirety and will your applying entity submit a signed version upon receipt of a REPI award?

☒ Yes ☐ No

A [Resolution](#) authorizing this grant project is required by July 10, 2024. Will your organization be able to obtain the required resolution by that date?

☒ Yes ☐ No

The Official to be named in the Resolution authorizing the grant application :

Official's Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):	Debbie Nash-King
Official's Title/Position with Sponsor Organization:	Mayor
Official's Mailing Address (Street):	101 N College Street
Official's City:	Killeen
Official's State:	Texas
Official's Zip:	76541
Official's Phone Number:	(254) 501-7700

## Applicant's Certification and Program Assurances

Upload your signed Certification and Program Assurances and a copy of the signed and adopted Resolution/Letter of Support Documenting Military Service Installation Commander Support for the Proposed Project with this grant application (scan as one PDF): (scan as one PDF):

## Eligibility

Refer to the [REPI Interactive Map](#) to determine eligibility locations.

Upload a Screenshot to demonstrate proof of eligibility:

[https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/\\_Upload/36070\\_1118612-REPI\\_Fort\\_Cavazos\\_Screenshot.png](https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/_Upload/36070_1118612-REPI_Fort_Cavazos_Screenshot.png)

## General Project Information

Name of Park/Project Title  
(Example "Bicentennial Park"):

Westside Regional Park - Phase One

### Project Summary

Briefly summarize your project (250 words or less). Think publicity blurb!

The City of Killeen, in collaboration with Fort Cavazos, are excited for the proposed development of a new regional park in the northwest portion of the city, adjacent to Fort Cavazos. This passive recreation park project, emerging from the city's parks master planning process, aims to enhance recreational opportunities through a mutually beneficial partnership. The master plan, created with input from Fort Cavazos and various stakeholders, envisions a park that emphasizes passive recreation and accessibility.

Key features of the proposed 231.8-acre regional park include the connection to existing Fort Cavazos Regional Trail, extending the existing trail system. The park will feature ADA-compliant greenway and loop trail, picnic facilities, natural playscape, and fishing piers on Pershing Lake. These amenities are designed to ensure the park is welcoming and accessible to all visitors.

The project involves the transfer of Fort Cavazos' portion of the property to the City of Killeen through a 25-year ground lease, with an automatic 25-year extension. Efforts are also underway to finalize acquisition of additional portions of the property previously offered to the city. This collaboration, initiated in 2019, represents a significant step forward in creating a regional park that will serve Fort Cavazos, Killeen, and the broader region.

The new park will not only provide a vital recreational resource but also strengthen the connection between Fort Cavazos and the City of Killeen, promoting a sense of community and enhancing the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

### Project Overview (2-page word limit)

Provide a detailed summary of the proposed project. Include a description of the planned physical improvements and/or facilities, and the reason(s) such development is needed. Explain whether the work involves new development or rehabilitation or replacement of existing recreation facilities. Describe and quantify the types of resources and features available on the site as well as any constraints. Describe the current status of planning for the development and the timeframe for completing the project, including when the site will be open (or reopened) and accessible for public use.

**Planned Physical Improvements and Facilities:** The proposed park will feature several key amenities and infrastructure improvements designed to offer passive recreational opportunities. The main elements include:

- **Greenway Trail Extension:** Extension of the Fort Cavazos Regional Trail to a new terminus at Westside Regional Park, ensuring seamless connectivity for trail users.
- **Pedestrian Crossing:** Connecting existing Fort Cavazos Regional Trail to Westside Regional Park at Watercrest Road
- **Parking Areas:** Multiple parking facilities at various points within the park for visitor convenience.
- **ADA-Accessible Trails:** Both the extended greenway trail and in-park loop trails will be ADA-compliant, ensuring accessibility for all users.
- **Picnic Facilities:** Designated picnic areas equipped with tables and shelters for family and group gatherings.
- **Large Lakeside Pavilion:** A multipurpose asset to accommodate large groups.
- **Natural Playscape:** Area for families with children to benefit from.
- **Fishing Piers:** Fishing piers on Pershing Lake, offering recreational fishing opportunities.
- **Restrooms, Lighting, & Water Fountains:** Offer comfort, safety and ensure wellness enabling visitors to fully

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enjoy recreational activities

**Need for Development:** The development of this regional park is driven by the community's need for more recreational spaces that promote health, wellness, and social interaction. The park will serve as a vital green space, enhancing the quality of life for residents. The park's design focuses on passive recreation, catering to a wide range of activities that are accessible to all.

**New Development Work:** The project will include The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment, land acquisition, trail construction, roadway development, installation of recreational facilities, and landscaping. These developments are necessary to conserve land and water resources and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

**Resources and Features:** The site has natural resources such as Pershing Lake, which will be a focal point for recreational activities like fishing and picnicking. The existing landscape provides a scenic backdrop for trails and open spaces, enhancing the park's aesthetic appeal. Constraints include ensuring environmental sustainability pending NEPA Environmental Assessment and adhering to ADA standards for accessibility.

**Current Status and Timeline:** The project is currently has a master plan developed and initial property transfer discussions underway. The City of Killeen is working to finalize the acquisition of the remaining property and secure necessary approvals. The ground lease for Fort Cavazos' portion will need to be finalized, which includes a 25-year term with an automatic 25-year extension.

**Timeframe for Completion:** Once all approvals and acquisitions are in place, NEPA process will begin concurrently the development of plans from the design and engineering consultant. Once the plans are finalized the project will go out to bid and construction will commence thereafter. The project is projected to take approximately three years to complete, with the park anticipated to open for public use by January 2028.

## Project Site Information

Provide a site plan that is clear and easy-to-read. Site plans should contain the following features:

- Clear overall park boundary that encompasses the entire recreational area
- Street names
- Acreage
- True north arrow
- Boundaries of acquisition tracts, if applicable
- Utilities, including overhead power lines
- Easements
- Significant natural or existing recreational features
- Estimated location of proposed recreation and support elements

To see examples of suitable site plans, [click HERE](#).

Upload *Site Plan* Document:

### Satellite or Aerial Map

Please upload a satellite or aerial map of the property:

Upload Satellite or Aerial Map Document: [https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/\\_Upload/36071\\_1118761-Aerial\\_Map.jpg](https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/_Upload/36071_1118761-Aerial_Map.jpg)

## Project Intended Uses

Project Type \*

Note: REPI projects must include both acquisition and development.

[ ☒ ] I confirm that this project includes both Land acquisition **AND** development/renovation

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### Project Result

- ☒ New Park
- ☐ Expanded Park

### Previous Assistance/Obtainment

Indicate if the park or site was assisted through a previous Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) grant, or it was obtained through the Federal Lands to Parks (FLP) program:

- ☐ ORLP
- ☐ LWCF
- ☐ UPARR
- ☐ FLP

List date of assistance, amount, and work funded/land purchased, if assistance received:

N/A