

STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Policy No. C-226

SUBJECT: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAMS: REVISED
POLICY ON ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES
RECEIVED FOR COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is responsible for receipt and expenditure of federal monies allocated to the State of Colorado pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and administered in Colorado by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, for the purpose of increasing recreational opportunities for citizens of and visitors to the State of Colorado and by means of acquisition and development projects in cooperation with local political subdivisions and various state divisions, agencies or institutions, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is authorized to enter into and administer agreements with the United States, or any appropriate agency thereof, for the planning, acquisition and development of projects involving participating federal-aid funds on behalf of the state, any county, city or other political subdivision if the state or such county, city or other political subdivision gives necessary assurances to the Division that it has available sufficient funds to meet its share of the cost of the project and that the acquired or developed areas will be operated and maintained in perpetuity at its expense for public outdoor recreation use.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to provide the Division with guidelines for the administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, the Board hereby adopts the following policies:

Policy #1

Application procedures and requirements for all Land and Water Conservation Fund applications, for both regular and contingency fund projects, shall be established by the Division Director.

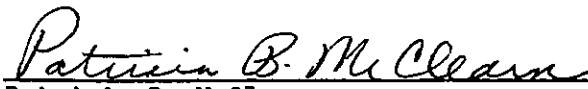
Policy #2

Within the constraints of the State's Open Project Selection Process and recognizing that only high priority projects will be funded, the Board

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Policy No. C-226 is approved this 19th day of January,

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Parks Board Chairwoman

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will allocate Land and Water funds (regular fund monies) received from the federal government for the State of Colorado, for any particular year, in the following manner:

- (a) Fifty percent (50%) to locally sponsored project applications and fifty percent (50%) to state project proposals.
- (b) Local project funds will thereafter be allocated among the five (5) geographic regions administratively established by the Division (Metropolitan, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and Northwest) on the basis of the total state population represented by each region; the Board will strive for an accurate and balanced per capita allocation to each region over any five-year period wherein Land and Water funds are distributed.
- (c) Individual local project recipients of Land and Water funds will be selected by the Board based upon recommendations for priority of applications received from the Division Director and upon the independent judgment of Board members; applications will be evaluated and prioritized based upon the following general criteria:
 - I. All projects must be consistent with the general needs identified by the Colorado State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
 - II. Satisfaction of local priority needs and/or regional or statewide needs will be preferred.
 - III. Cost-effectiveness and efficient energy utilization will be preferred.
 - IV. High-ranking, first-time applicants will be preferred.
 - V. No general preference will be given to land acquisition proposals over development projects.
 - VI. Land and Water funds may be allocated to local sponsors for matching the appraised value of donations of land, but the value of donated services, labor, equipment and materials is not eligible for Land and Water funds on a matching basis.
 - VII. Force account labor or equipment and local overhead expenses are not eligible items for Land and Water funding, except that employees or equipment hired or acquired exclusively for purposes of the project proposed for funding shall be eligible for funding.
 - VIII. Trails projects may not receive both state monies for recreational trails development and federal (Land and Water Fund) matching monies in the same (federal) fiscal year.
 - IX. Eligible phased projects will be evaluated upon the individual merit of each individually submitted phase.

- X. Eligible school district projects may be funded if the applicant makes a clear demonstration and a binding commitment that acquired or developed facilities will be used primarily by the general public.
 - XI. All applications must demonstrate capability for and make binding commitments for initiation of on-site development activity and completion of all land acquisition within one (1) year of receipt of executed Land and Water funding agreements.
- (d) Detailed criteria for rating and prioritizing local projects will be formally approved by the Board; these detailed criteria shall be employed by the Division in evaluating local project funding applications and shall be made available to local sponsors to assist their preparation of project funding applications.
 - (e) No major change in the location or scope of projects previously approved for funding by the Board shall be allowed except upon express approval of the Board; funds previously allocated to a project may not be transferred without express approval of the Board.
 - (f) All applications for contingency funding pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 shall be presented to the Board for review and endorsement before submission to the federal reviewing authority; such applications shall be classified as either Emergency, Large in Scope, or Special in Nature, and shall be submitted to the Division in accord with procedures established by the Division Director; Division evaluations of contingency funding applications may be submitted to the Board for consideration at the discretion of the Director; no project submitted for contingency funding may be considered for regular Land and Water funding in the same fiscal year.