

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is accepting grant applications for fiscal year 2013 funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

The LWCF is a federally funded grant program for outdoor recreation projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, ball fields, soccer fields, swimming pools, picnicking facilities, playgrounds, park acquisition and development, shelter houses and related support facilities. All projects must encourage outdoor recreation. Project sponsors must be political subdivisions. LWCF provides matching reimbursable grants for up to 50 percent of the project costs.

Contact Craig Wacker at 402-471-5424 or craig.wacker@nebraska.gov to request an application form, instructions and additional information. Grant applications must be submitted by Dec. 31. Information and applications also are available at <http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/parks/programs/lwcf/lwcf.asp>.

The RTP is a grant program through the Federal Highway Administration that reimburses political subdivisions up to 80 percent of project costs for trail acquisition, development, renovation and support facilities. This funding source is for motorized and nonmotorized trail projects.

There are new application forms and policies for 2013. They are available at <http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/trails/programs/RTP.asp>. Contact Michelle Stryker for an application packet at 402-471-5425 or michelle.stryker@nebraska.gov. RTP grant applications should be submitted or postmarked by Oct. 1.