

# TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE

## Recreation Grants



Recreation Grants has been assisting hundreds of communities across Texas with their outdoor recreation needs since 1965 through our grant assistance and outreach programs. From the largest metropolis to the smallest rural community these programs help to build new parks, conserve natural resources, provide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more. Providing grants to communities across Texas helps build access to outdoor experiences and encourages a connection with nature that is vital for promoting conservation and good environmental stewardship among Texans young and old.

Through our programs we build long-term partnerships that assist TPWD in our mission to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Our highly qualified [staff](#) administers the following programs: [Local Park Grants](#) (Outdoor, Indoor and Small Community), [Community Outdoor Outreach Program](#) (CO-OP), [Recreational Trails Grants](#), [OHV](#), [Boating Access Grants](#), Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) and [Boat Sewage Pumpout Grants](#)

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## About

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## Who We Fund

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](#)

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## When We Fund

Local Parks Grants are funded annually following the October 1st application deadline each year. Applications will be accepted through [Recreation Grants Online](#). Paper applications will not be accepted. Complete applications are evaluated using the Priority Scoring System. Funding recommendations are presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission makes all final decisions regarding awards of program funds.

## How We Are Funded

Funding for the Local Park Grant Program comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods through the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the Texas Large County & Municipality Recreation & Parks Account. Additional funds come from off-shore gas royalties through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.