



A Brief Guide To: LWCF Match

Legal Basis:

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (Public Law 88-578, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 4601-10 et seq.)

LWCF Manual Citations:

Chapter 1.A.7 Basis for assistance.

Chapter 5.B.1. Matching share.

Synopsis:

Land and Water Conservation Fund grants are provided to the States, and through the States to local governmental jurisdictions, on a matching basis of up to fifty percent (50%) of the total project-related allowable costs for the acquisition of land and the development of facilities for public outdoor recreation and for fulfilling the program's planning requirements.

§ 4601-8 [Sec 6]. Financial assistance to States:

(c) Matching requirements

Payments to any State shall cover not more than 50 per centum of the cost of planning, acquisition, or development projects that are undertaken by the State. The remaining share of the cost shall be borne by the State in a manner and with such funds or services as shall be satisfactory to the Secretary.

Part II of the Continuing Assurances of the LWCF General Provisions stipulate:

Further, it is the acknowledged intent of the parties hereto that recipients of assistance will use monies granted hereunder for the purposes of this program, and that assistance granted from the Fund will result in a net increase, commensurate at least with the Federal cost-share, in a participant's outdoor recreation.

It is intended by both parties hereto that assistance from the Fund will be added to, rather than replace or be substituted for, State and local outdoor recreation funds.

Part III of the Project Assurances of the LWCF General Provisions stipulate:

B. Project Application

3. *The State has the capability to finance the non-Federal share of the costs for the project...*

Once an LWCF contract is entered into, Federal funds cannot be used to replace State funding regardless of the initial percentage of the match. At the time the grant application is submitted to NPS for approval, the grantee/subgrantee has assured NPS that it has the ability and intention to finance its share of the cost of the particular project as mandated by the LWCF Act.

When a grantee/subgrantee requests that the percentage of the Federal share in a project be increased and the State share reduced, the Federal share is being used to replace or is being substituted for the grantee's share which violates the grant contract. Future amendments to a grant increasing the Federal share must result in an increase in recreation or to cover cost overruns. Amendments increasing the per centum of the Federal share and reducing the grantee funding will not be processed.



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(OMB No. 1024-0033, August 31, 2013)

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Project Number:

Project Title:

Project Period:

Proposal Scope (Description of Project):

**The following are hereby
incorporated into this agreement:**

Total Project Cost \$ 10,000

LWCF Amount \$ 5,000 (50%)
(Fund amount not to exceed 50% of total)

- 1. General Provisions**
- 2. LWCF State Assistance Program Manual**
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- 5. 43 CFR Part 12**
- 6. 36 CFR Part 59**

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