



## California Department of Parks and Recreation

Office of Grants and Local Services

### WHAT'S NEW?

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#### CHANGES TO GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – EFFECTIVE JULY 1

##### [CEQA Certification Form](#)

Applicants will now demonstrate CEQA compliance by a certification form signed by the Authorized Representative, and by attaching a copy of the Notice of Exemption or the Notice of Determination, or other documentation of CEQA project approval by the Lead Agency, as appropriate. A copy of the revised form with the new certification language is attached, and is also available [here](#).

##### **Topographic Maps**

For all programs except the Recreational Trails Program, applicants are no longer required to submit a topographic map with their applications.

#### 2000 PARKS BOND ACT DEADLINES

##### [Proposition 12 Per Capita Deadline](#)

Final paperwork for 2000 Parks Bond Act Per Capita projects must be received by our office no later than March 31, 2008. If you have not identified projects for your funds we encourage you to do so immediately. We anticipate that we will be receiving extremely high volumes of project completion packets as the deadline approaches, so please get your documentation in early whenever possible.

#### UPDATE ON ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAMS

##### **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

##### [New Guidelines](#)

The Procedural Guide for the RTP has been revised to reflect the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The new guide is available [here](#).

##### [RTP Application Due Date Announced](#)

The Office of Grants and Local Services is accepting applications for RTP non-motorized projects. The application due date is Monday, October 2, 2006. It is anticipated that there will be over \$3.3 million in federal funding available for non-motorized projects in the next funding cycle. More information is available [here](#).

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVRD) is accepting applications for RTP motorized projects. The application due date is Monday, October 2, 2006. It is anticipated that there will be over \$1.4 million in federal funding available for motorized projects in the next funding cycle. For more information, please call OHMVRD at (916) 324-1573.

## **Habitat Conservation Program (HCF)**

### **[Due Date Announced](#)**

The Office of Grants and Local Services is accepting applications for the HCF program. The application due date is Monday, October 2, 2006. The HCF program consists of six program elements. The program elements that will be funded in the next cycle include (1) Deer/Mountain Lion Habitat, (2) Rare, Endangered, Threatened or Fully Protected Species, (3) Wetland Habitat, and (4) Riparian Habitat. It is anticipated that there will be over \$3 million in funding available for projects in the next funding cycle. More information is available [here](#).

## **Land and Water Conservation Fund Program**

### **Compliance Self-Certification**

The National Parks Service requires OGALS to monitor LWCF grant sites to ensure that lands purchased or improved with LWCF grant funds remain in recreational use. Due to funding cutbacks by the Federal Government, the OGALS will be implementing a self-certification program where LWCF grant recipients will be required to periodically provide evidence that applicable property remains in recreational use.

We look forward to working with you to increase park and recreation opportunities throughout California. If you have any questions about the information above, please contact your Office of Grants and Local Services Project Officer. A list of all project officers can be found [here](#).