

August 11, 2022

Regarding: Notice of Funding Opportunity: 2022 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Dear Potential Grant Applicants,

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, I am pleased to announce a new funding opportunity, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP). This grant program is funded through the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The program was created in 2014 as a complement to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program, and seeks to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in economically-disadvantaged communities.

For 2022, a total of \$192 million nationwide are available for outdoor recreation projects (a combination of grant funds appropriated by Congress in FY22 and unused funds from prior years). Funds will be awarded in two rounds, Rounds 6A and 6B. Eligible applicants include other state agencies and local governments such as cities, counties, and special purpose districts, such as park districts, within, or abutting, a city with a population of at least 30,000 people.

The project request amount is a maximum of \$10,000,000 and a minimum of \$300,000. The deadline to submit a project application for **Round 6A** is **November 16**, **2022** and **Round 6B** is **February 8**, **2023**. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has been designated the lead agency in Missouri. We are currently accepting project applications. If your project is selected, the Grants Management Section of Missouri State Parks will work with you to submit an application on your behalf to the National Park Service. To submit a project application please review the notice of funding opportunity and submit the application information required in Section D on pages 8-13 by mail to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resource Division of State Parks Grants Management Section Attn: ORLP Planner P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

For your convenience, an application checklist has been provided (also attached) to ensure that you submit the required information. Everything in the notice of funding opportunity needs to be completed, except the SF424, pre-award inspection and the letter of recommendation from the State Liaison Officer (if selected we will provide this documentation). Applications will be scored using the criteria outlined in

Section E starting on page 21 of the notice of funding opportunity. Missouri's Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan referenced in the email is available at:

https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/2018-2022%20Show%20Me%20the%20Great%20Outdoors_SCORP_Final.pdf.

City Parks Alliance will be hosting an ORLP informational webinar in September. Once information is available we will post on our website or visit the City Park Alliance website at: https://cityparksalliance.org/events/webinars/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

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