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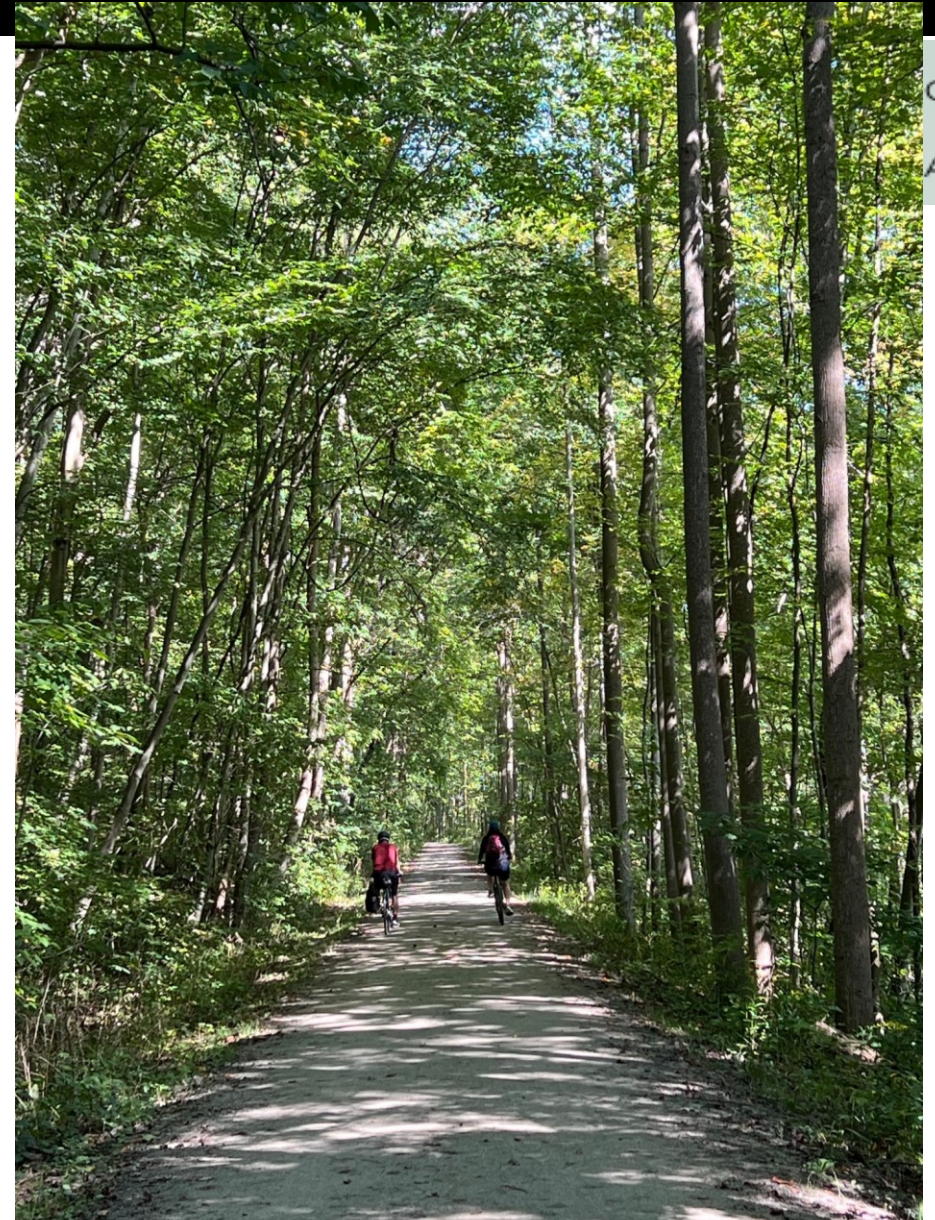
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Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance Programs

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State Formula Grant Program



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Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- State Formula Grant Program
- ORLP Nationally Competitive Grant Program

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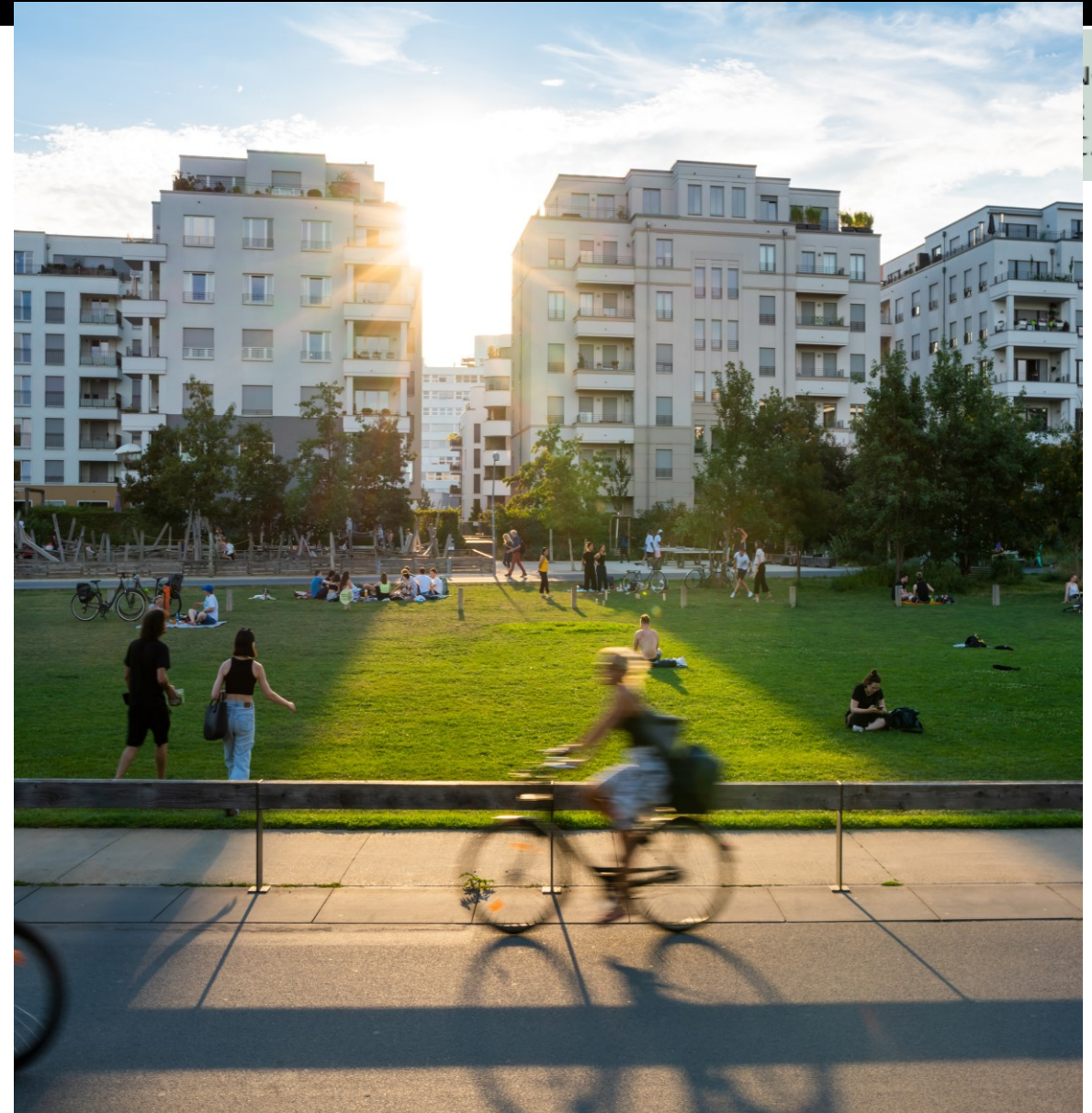
Basic Requirements for LWCF Funding

LWCF Act 1965 (citation)

State must have an approved State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Projects must align with SCORP priorities.

All must be maintained and accessible for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.





Basics: State Formula Grant Program

- State and Federal *Partnership*
- Projects solicited and selected by State Agencies.
- Subgrants to eligible subgrantee (aka project sponsor).
- Dollar-for-dollar Match Requirement

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program

Created in 2014 by Congress

Nationally Competitive
Program

Dollar-for-Dollar Match
Requirement



State Formula
Grants
VS
ORLP Grants

State Formula	ORLP
<p>Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Competition	<p>Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Competition
<p>Funding Max/Min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determined by State based on their annual allotment	<p>Funding Max/Min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determined by NPS; Est. \$15,000,000 Max, \$300,000 Min
<p>Community Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No requirements	<p>Community Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Underserved communities
<p>Population Requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	<p>Population Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population of 25,000 or more per 2020 Census

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Next Steps



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**Identify
the lead
LWCF
agency for
your State**

**Reach out
to State
LWCF Staff**

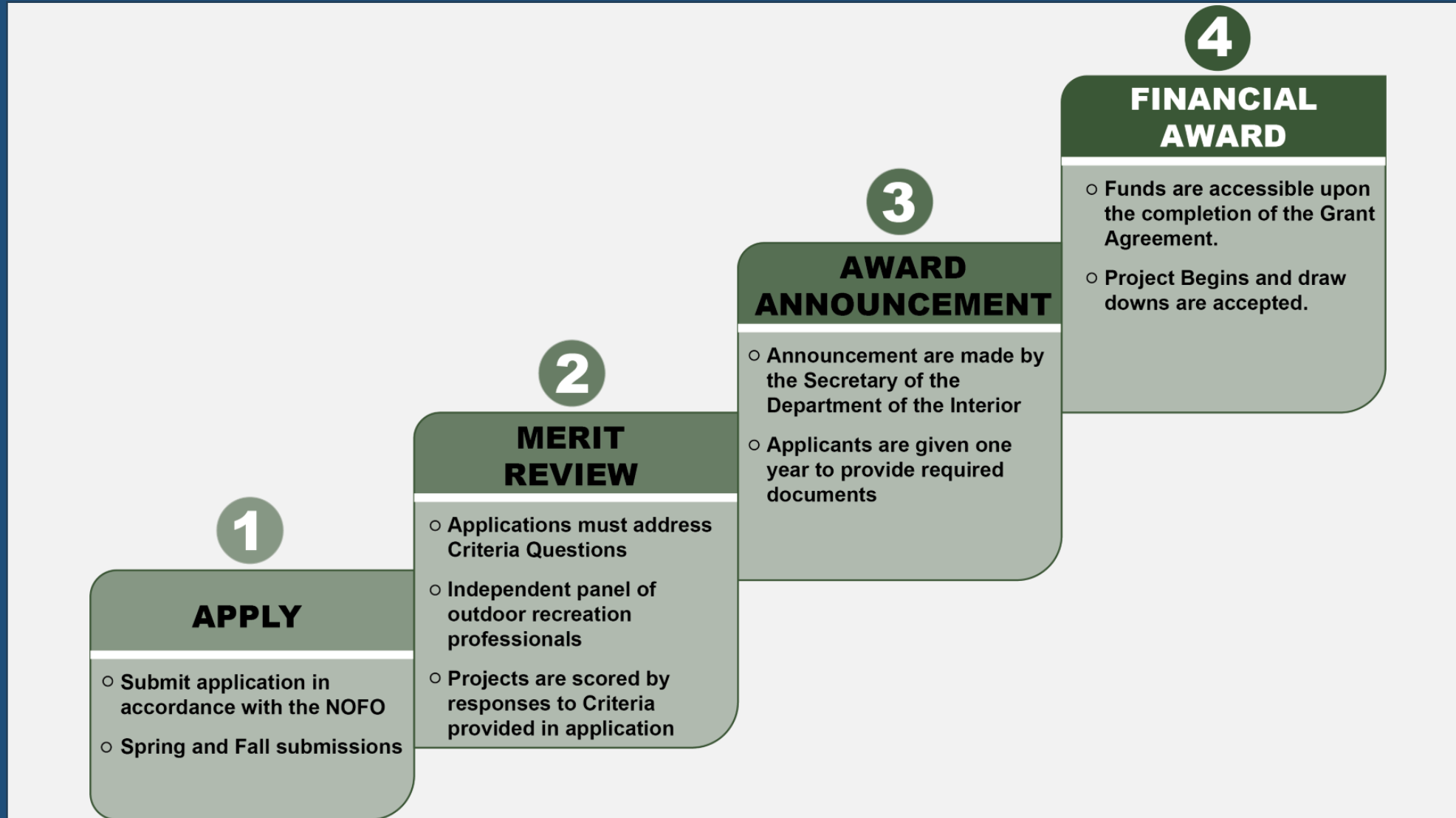
**Review
your
State's
SCORP**



**David Goldstein, Program Manager
LWCF-Competitive Programs**

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Objective

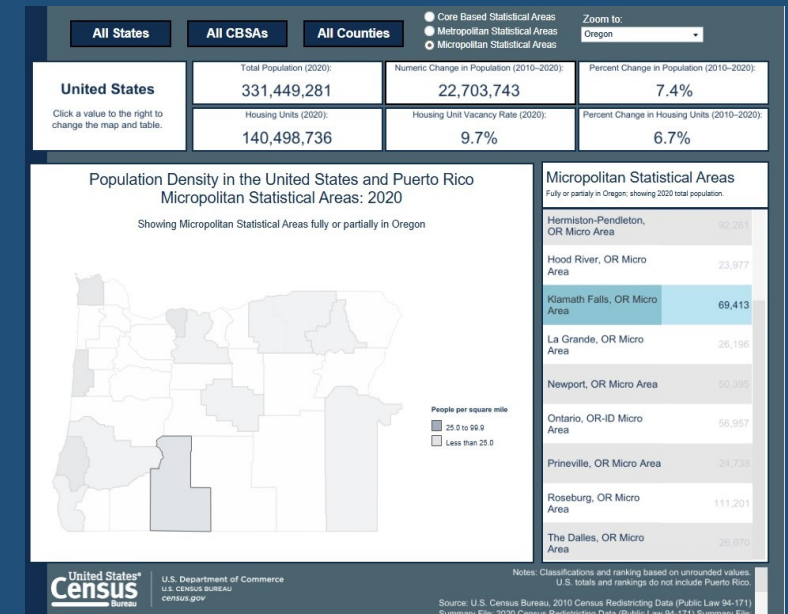
The ORLP Program improves parks, recreation opportunities, and conservation areas in urban, underserved communities, consistent with the purposes and requirements of the LWCF Act.

ORLP projects must meet two main eligibility criteria:

1. Located within a census tract, municipality or city with a population of 25,000 or more (2020 Census)

AND

2. Located within an underserved community.



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Eligibility

The required population in census tracts is set at 25,000 people.

- US Census-Urban Census Areas are allowed.
- Federally recognized Tribes, Alaskan Native Communities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations are eligible to apply for projects on their lands regardless of census numbers.

At least one of the following information sets can indicate the proposing community's underserved status:

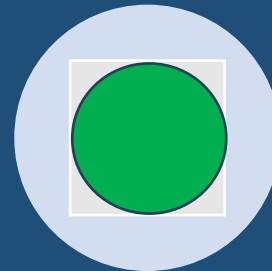
1. Communities identified by the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Environmental Screening Tool (CJEST), or;
2. Communities identified by the Environmental Protection Agency's EJScreen tool, or;
3. Communities can demonstrate need submitting relevant documentation for evaluation where these other tools do not work (e.g., US Territories).

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Evaluation Considerations

States must apply through Grants.gov on behalf of the communities or sub-communities or sub-recipients interested in receiving project funding. We ask that you provide information on how you will obtain non-federal cost share. Please note that a confirmed 1:1 match is required for final award.



All maps being used to assess underserved areas may allow a ½ mile buffer of inclusion for the adjacent qualifying area.

Sites that received ORLP or other LWCF funds in the past will be considered.

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Evaluation Criteria

Criterion 1

ORLP Objective: To improve parks, recreational opportunities, and conservation areas in urban and underserved communities.

- How does the project meet the needs of at least 25,000 people in an underserved community within an appropriate 2020 census tract, including US Census Urban Area?

Criterion 2

ORLP Goal: ORLP projects result from collaborations with the communities they serve. Collaboration ensures that planning and land development decisions do not place unfair burdens on underserved groups.

- In what ways does the project demonstrate substantial effort or engagement to involve residents of the neighborhood(s) in its development? What initiatives, policies, or incentives are in place to support these communities?



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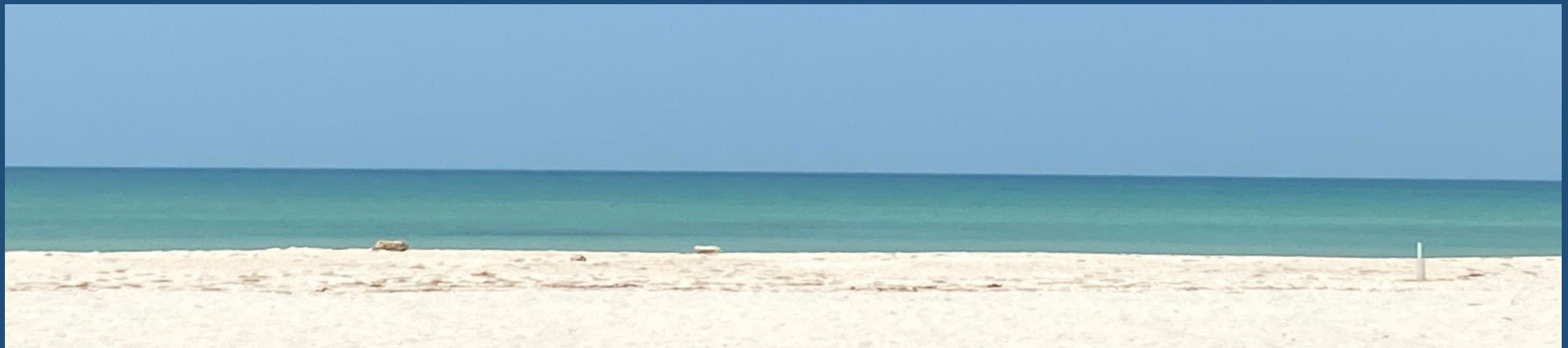


Evaluation Criteria

Criterion 3

ORLP Goal: ORLP highlights public-private partnerships to leverage project support. Many successful outdoor recreation projects include cooperation and partnerships among governments, property owners, developers, financial institutions, and the public to secure equitable results.

- How does the project demonstrate significant collaboration among the public and private sectors, multiple levels of government, private/non-profit organizations, and/or community groups?
(e.g., 1:1 Non-Federal Share Partner, Previous ORLP support or LWCF Support or other federal support)



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Evaluation Criteria

Criterion 4

ORLP Goal: ORLP projects empower communities through public greenspace investment, fostering resilience and sustainable landscape development. They aim to restore ecosystems, protect biodiversity, and provide recreational and economic benefits. These initiatives enhance public health in underserved areas through active living, land conservation, water resource protection, cultural preservation, native landscape restoration, and disaster mitigation.

- What environmental or ecological measures does your project include to mitigate the impacts of future natural disasters and enhance resilience for the community it serves? Who or which neighboring communities are served within a half mile of the project site?



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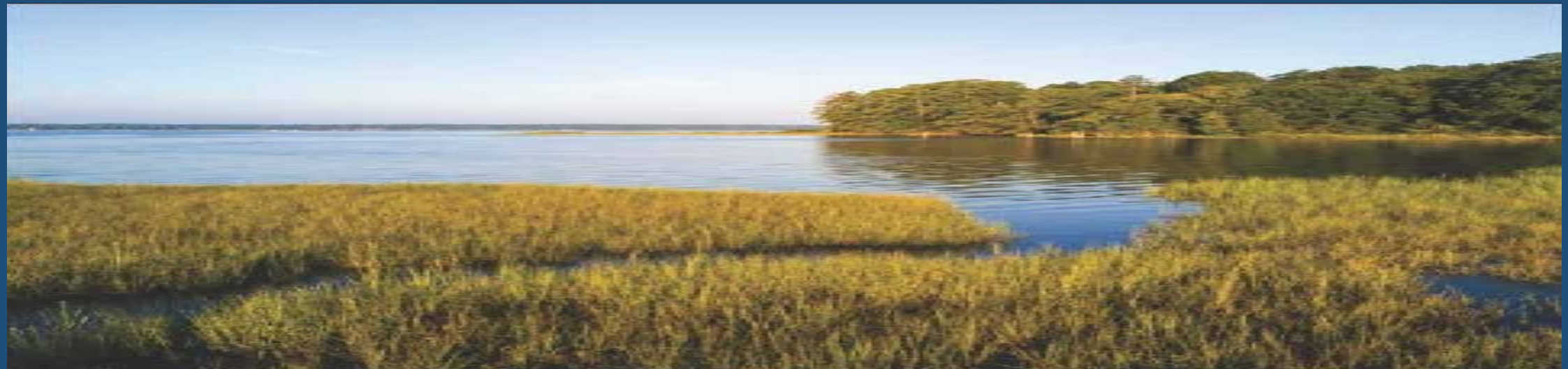
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Evaluation Criteria

Criterion 5

ORLP Goal: ORLP projects promote, protect, and incorporate the distinctive character of a community and its unique contexts. Geography, natural features, climate, culture, historical resources, and ecology each contribute to the distinctive character of a community's sense of place, comfort, and belonging

- How does the proposed project enhance and strengthen the sense of place for the underserved community it is intended to serve?



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Review

1. NPS-LWCF Program and Compliance Officers perform Technical Eligibility Review to ensure that submission requirements are met.
2. Prior to Merit Review, NPS-LWCF will work directly with State to check for missing documentation.
3. External the Outdoor Recreation industry and partner experts perform Merit Review. NPS-LWCF Staff trains reviewers and ensures non-disclosure and conflict of interest statements are filed with the Department of Interior.
4. Two external reviewers review each application, LWCF ensures reviewers are not working in a region where the submission originated.
5. Competitive Programs Merit Review Specialist, a new position, oversees Merit Review independent from the LWCF Compliance and Program Officers.

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Timelines

The Notice of Funding Opportunity will stand for 5 years, with two fixed Merit Review closing dates, June 1 and November 1 each calendar year. This makes application development predictable and allows states to plan for and schedule engagement.

SUBMISSION DATE	ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
JUNE 1	SEPTEMBER 1 (same year)
NOVEMBER 1	FEBRUARY 1 (following year)

Announcements will be made, to the best of our ability, within three months of the closing dates, September 1 and February 1 of each calendar year.

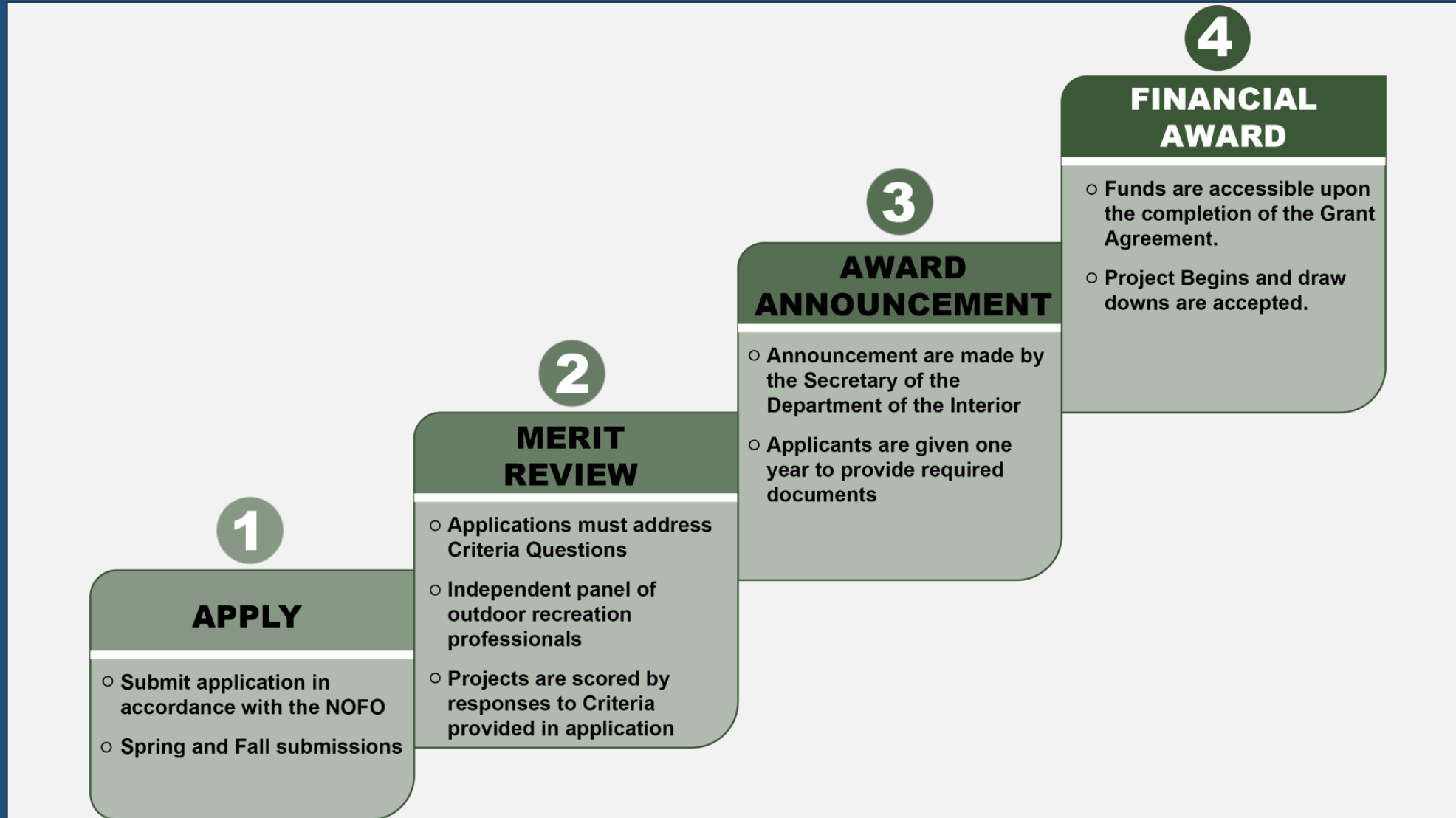
Applicants have one year to ensure that all required documentation is submitted through the state for NPS to make the award.

Priorities change. The Notice may be amended over time to meet changing needs.

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Questions? Concerns? Clarifications?

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Ideas from an applicant

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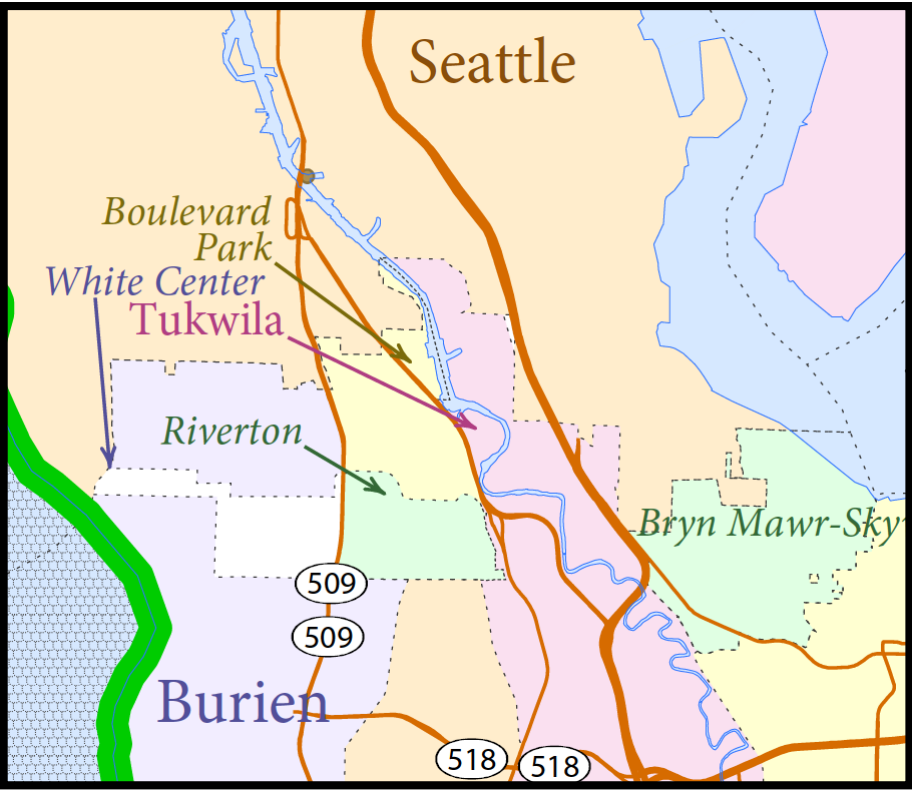


Urban to Wild

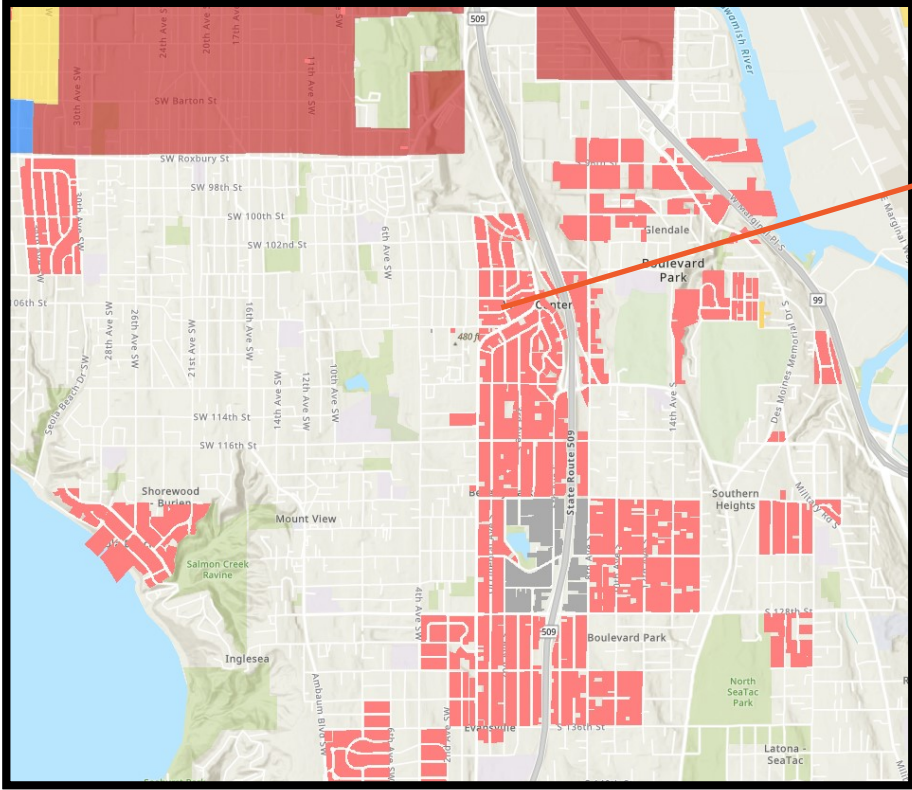
28,000 acres – 205 parks – 390 miles of trails

Urban Unincorporated

Surrounded by cities, among the highest population densities in the state



Legacy of redlining and exclusive property covenants



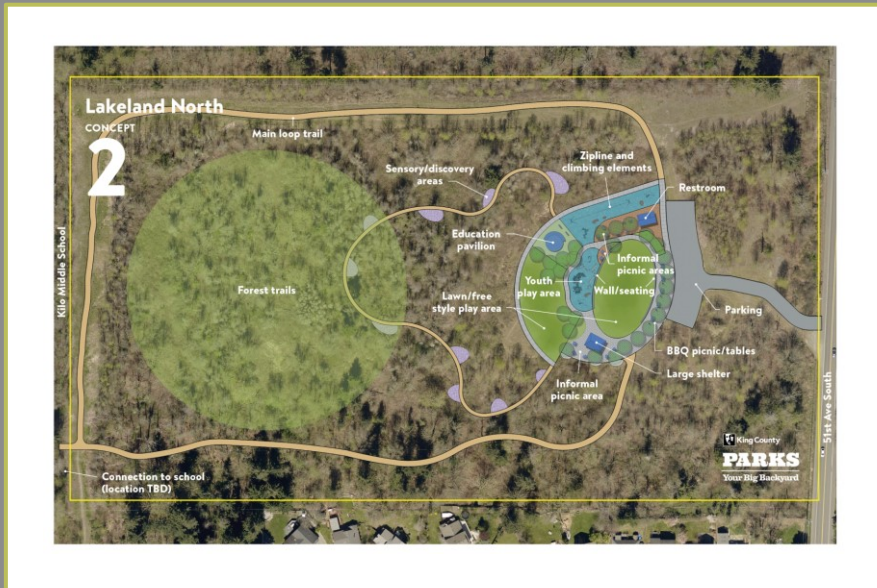
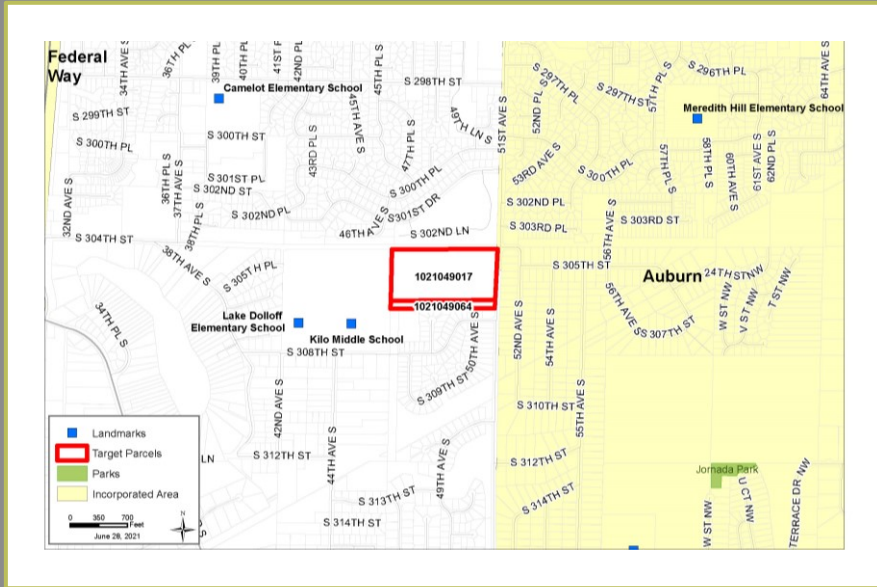
No part of said property hereby conveyed shall ever be used or occupied by any Hebrew or by any person of the Ethiopian, Malay or any Asiatic Race, and the party of the second part his heirs, personal representatives or assigns, shall never place any such person in the possession of occupancy of said property of any part thereof, nor permit the said property, or any part thereof, ever to be used or occupied by any such person, excepting only employees in the domestic service

Photo Credit: Seattle Kraken



Skyway Park Revitalization

Lakeland North Urban Nature Park





Tip number 1

Advance Work

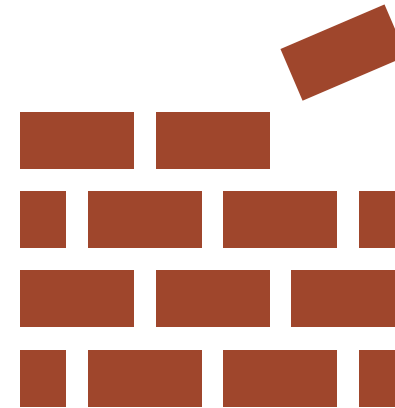
Do your system wide pre-planning and develop ongoing, authentic community relationships.



Tip number 2

Support Systems

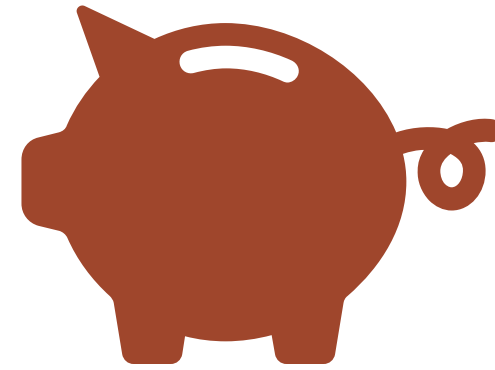
Ensure you have in place the structures you need to administer a grant from start to finish.



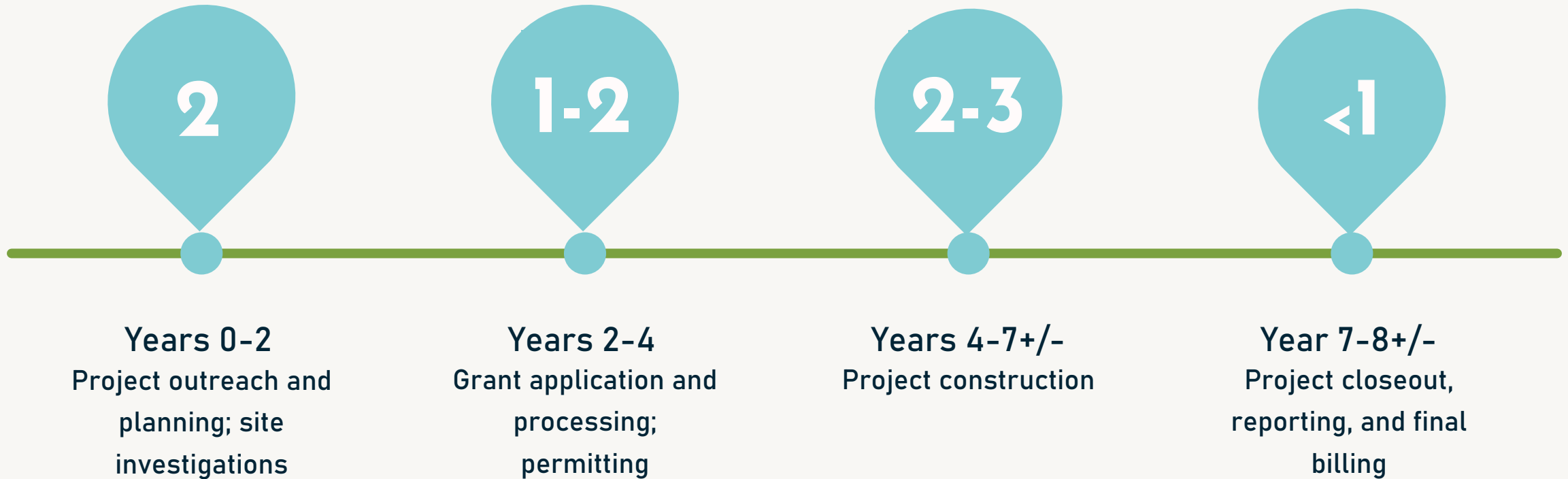
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Match

Start early, track and document, be comprehensive.

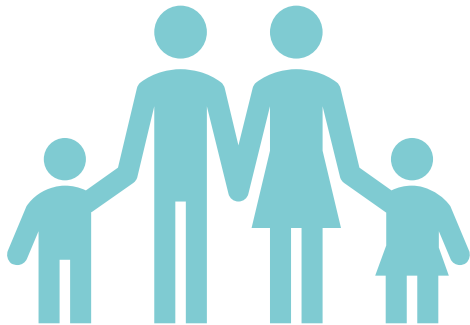


Tip number 4: Timing



Tip number 5

Scoping



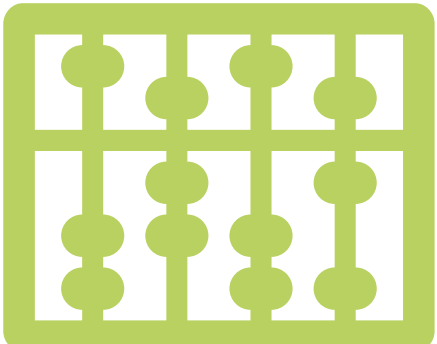
Needs



Allure



Scale



Budget

**We're all in
this together**

A dirt path leads through a dense forest of tall, thin trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled shadows on the path. In the distance, a small building with a corrugated metal roof is visible through the trees. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

...shall not be converted...

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Resources

Park Need

- [Trust for Public Land ParkServe](#)
- [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)
- [WA Recreation and Conservation Office & ESRI Park Inventory Case Study](#)
- [King County Opportunity Areas](#)
- [LWCF Toolkit from SORP and links to all SCORPs](#)
- [WA RCO LWCF ORLP toolkit](#)



Equity and Engagement

- [Context of Cultures: High and Low](#)
- [Governing for Equity: Implementing an Equity Lens in Local Government](#)
- [Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals Centering Indigenous Futures in Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Prevention Institute Park Equity](#)
- [Trust for Public Land Toolkit for Health, Arts, Parks and Equity](#)
- [King County Community Engagement](#)
- [Government Alliance on Race and Equity](#)

Thanks for joining us!

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