Appendix J: State Grant Programs

Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program			
The Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin's most significant land and water resources for future generations and to provide the land base and recreational facilities needed for quality outdoor experiences. These goals are achieved by acquiring land and easements for conservation and recreation purposes, developing and improving recreational facilities, and restoring wildlife habitat. This is an umbrella program that funds the following grants:	50% local match required	1-May	DNR
Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)			
• Helps to buy land or easements and develop or renovate local park and recreation area facilities for nature-based outdoor recreation purposed (e.g., trails, fishing access, and park support facilities).			
Urban Green Space (UGS)			
• Helps to buy land or easements in urban or urbanizing area to preserve the scenic and ecological values of natural open spaces for nature-based outdoor recreation, including non-commercial gardening.			
Urban Rivers (UR)			
• Helps to buy land on or adjacent to river flowing through urban or urbanizing areas to preserve or restore the scenic and environmental values of riverways for nature-based outdoor recreation.			
Acquisition of Development Rights Grants (ADR)			
• Helps to buy development rights (easements) for the protection of natural, agricultural, or forestry values, that would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation.			
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)			
• This fund is used to implement projects that are identified by both the local and the state Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. • In general, land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for public outdoor recreation purposes are eligible LWCF projects. LWCF does not include the "nature-based outdoor recreation" restriction that the Stewardship Local Assistance Programs do.	50% local match required	1-May	DNR
Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant			
• Eligible projects include maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. • May only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county or state trail plan included or reference in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan required by the federal LAWCON.	Up to 80% of the total project costs of a recreational trail project (20% match required). Payments are reimbursements on costs incurred after project approval.	1-May	DNR

Urban Forestry			
Provides technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs. Priorities include: 1) Communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan; 2) Communities needing worker training; and 3) Communities needing to conduct a street tree inventory. Eligible projects include 1) Undertaking street tree inventories; 2) Training for Village tree workers; 3) Developing urban open space programs; 4) Developing urban forestry plans; 5) Developing a tree ordinance; 6) Developing a public awareness program; and 7) Tree planting and maintenance	50% local match required. Grants range from $1,000 to $25,000.	1-Oct	DNR
Lake Protection and Classification Grants			
• Designed to assist lake users, lake communities and local governments as they undertake projects to protect and restore lakes and their ecosystems. Eligible projects include: • Purchase of property or a conservation easement • Restoration of wetlands • Development of local regulations or ordinances • Lake classification projects that allow counties to design and implement local land and water management programs that are tailored to specific classes of lakes in response to various development and recreational use pressures (these grants are limited to $50,000). • Lake protection projects recommended in a DNR-approved plan including watershed management, lake restoration, diagnostic feasibility studies, or any other projects that will protect or improve lakes.	25% local match required. $200,000 maximum per project.	1-May	DNR
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant			
• Construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities and for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational facilities. • Also includes purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemically treating Eurasian water milfoil.	50% local match required	Established quarterly	DNR
Sport Fish Restoration Funding			
• Sport Fish Restoration - Fishing Pier (SFR-FP) grants may be used to construct fishing piers that are primarily designed to provide public access for shore fishing.	25%-50% local match required	1-Oct	DNR

• Sport Fish Restoration - Boat Access (SFR-BA) grants may be used to construct motorboat access projects. Eligible components include boat ramp construction and renovation, along with related amenities such as parking lots, accessible paths, lighting, and restroom facilities.	1-Feb