

115-35-1. Local government outdoor recreation grant program; application and criteria.

(a) Any local government desiring to receive a local government outdoor recreation grant shall apply to the secretary, using a form provided by the department. An application that is incomplete or contains false information may be denied consideration by the secretary.

(b) Grant applications shall be evaluated according to the parameters established by L. 1998, Ch. 70, §2 and §3. In addition, grant applications shall be further evaluated based on the following criteria:

(1) The application demonstrates a local need for the proposed project and a strong likelihood of ongoing local involvement and support.

(2) The proposed project would provide new outdoor recreational opportunities to a significant population or geographic area, or the proposed project would enhance existing outdoor recreation facilities and would improve facilities for users with a wide range of physical abilities, or both.

(3) The applicant's matching funds are available to the applicant at the time of the grant award.

(4) The proposed project has a likelihood of completion within one year from the time of award.

(5) The grant request would not constitute more than 25% of funds appropriated for the grant program in a given fiscal year.

(6) The proposed project would meet applicable environmental standards and would be compatible with existing land use capabilities and surrounding uses.

(7) The application is consistent with focus 2002: a plan for Kansas wildlife and parks, as published by the department. (Authorized by and implementing L. 1998, Ch. 70, §1, §2, and §3; effective Nov. 30, 1998.)