

Chapter NR 50

ADMINISTRATION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION
PROGRAM GRANTS AND STATE AIDS

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Note: The following recreational aids programs are found elsewhere: Motorcycle Recreation Program, ch. NR 65 and Recreational Boating Facilities Program, ch. NR 7.

History: Chapter NR 50 as it existed on March 31, 1975 was repealed and a new chapter NR 50 was created, effective April 1, 1975.

NR 50.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures for implementation of various recreational aids programs under ss. 20.370 (4) (bx), 23.09 (11), (12), (17m) and (26), 23.30 (3) (h) and 350.12 (4), Stats., and 16 U.S.C. ss. 460d, 460L-4, et seq.

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NR 50.02 Applicability. The provisions of this chapter are applicable to all sponsors of recreational aid programs under ss. 20.370 (4) (bx), 23.09 (11), (12), (17m) and (26), 23.30 (3) (h) and 350.12 (4), Stats., and 16 U.S.C. ss. 460d, 460L-4, et seq.

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NR 50.03 Definitions. (1) "Department" means department of natural resources.

(2) "Secretary" means secretary, department of natural resources.

(3) "Applicant" means unit of government applying for a grant.

(4) "LAWCON" means land and water conservation fund act of 1965.

(5) (a) "Acquisition project" includes the acquisition of land or rights thereto for a well defined outdoor recreation area or purpose.

(b) "Development project" includes the development of structures, utilities, facilities or landscaping necessary for outdoor recreation use of an area.

(6) "Approval" means the signing by the secretary or designee of a project agreement resulting in encumbering a specified amount of federal or state aid funds for a specific purpose.

(7) "Assistance" means funds made available by the department to a sponsor in support of a public outdoor recreation project.

(8) "Contingency fund" means that part of the LAWCON apportionment that is not immediately apportioned to counties or state agencies but held by the department to meet high priority, unforeseen, or emergency needs.

(9) "Project agreement" means a contract between the sponsor and department setting forth the mutual obligations with regard to a portion or all of a specific project.

(10) "Sponsor" means local unit of government, state agency, Indian tribe or snowmobile club receiving assistance.

(11) "Snowmobile trail" means a marked corridor on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction, but excluding highways except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.

(12) "District" means one of the 6 field administrative offices of the department of natural resources.

(13) "Project period" means the period of time specified in the agreement during which all work must be accomplished.

(14) "Basic facilities" means the minimum improvements necessary to enable people to make use of recreation sites with minimum maintenance.

(15) "State outdoor recreation plan" means the comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan required by the land and water conservation fund act.

(16) "Enforcement" means the detection and prevention of crimes and civil violations, and the arrest of those persons who violate such laws. To qualify for state aids under ss. 30.79 and 350.12, Stats., and ss. NR 50.12 and 50.13, officers involved in the "enforcement" of ss. 30.50 to 30.80 or ch. 350, Stats., must have the authority to make arrests for the violations of the laws they are employed to enforce.

(17) "Force account" means the performance of a development or maintenance project with the forces and resources of the sponsor, including personal services, equipment and materials.

(18) "Conservancy zone" is the designation a unit of government may give to a natural area held for the preservation of open space and supporting environmental education, nature interpretation and research activities.

(19) "Qualified naturalist" means a person who has had academic training and/or experience in ecology and outdoor education.

(20) "Fringe benefits" are employers' contributions or expenses for social security, employe's life and health insurance plans, unemployment insurance coverage, worker's compensation insurance, pension retirement plans, and employe benefits in the form of regular compensation during authorized absences from the job (i.e. annual, sick, court or mili-

(2) **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of this section are applicable to counties, cities, villages, townships, other governmental agencies or units, clubs or organizations, businesses or corporations and educational institutions.

(3) **ALLOWABLE COSTS.** Fifty percent of approved eligible project costs shall be funded.

(4) **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** (a) The following projects are eligible:

1. Outdoor range construction, including: backstops and berms, target holders, shooting benches, baffles, protective fencing, signs, trenches, gun racks, platforms, restrooms and other items considered essential for the project by the department.

2. Indoor ranges, when it is determined by the department they are needed, including classroom, storage and restroom facilities.

(b) The following projects are not eligible:

1. Construction of clubhouses and facilities not essential to the operation of the shooting range.

2. Operation and maintenance of the range.

(c) Applications will be ranked based on a comparative basis considering the following criteria:

1. First consideration will be given projects in major metropolitan areas where ranges are not available for hunter education training.

2. Second consideration will be given projects in locations where ranges are not available within 20 miles for hunter education training.

3. More consideration will be given projects to improve an existing range than to develop new ranges in the same locality.

4. The potential of the project to meet the needs of hunter education programs and public shooting in the locality.

5. Zoning requirements.

(d) Sponsors shall demonstrate an ability to operate the range for 15 years.

(e) Applicants shall submit an application on the prescribed department form.

Note: The forms may be obtained from Hunter Education Administrator, Department of Natural Resources, Box 7201, Madison, Madison, WI 53791.

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