

Funding the FUN!

IDNR Open Space Land Acquisition
and Development (OSLAD)



Hopkins Park
DeKalb Park District

Presenters



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Office of Grants Management and
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*with
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THANK YOU TO OUR HOST
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS

OSLAD GRANT PROGRAM
Opens July 1 – 2026 and due August 31, 2026



Maximum acquisition grant
\$1,725,000

Maximum development grant
\$600,000

Funding assistance of 50% of approved
project costs (or 90% if defined as
"disadvantaged") for the acquisition and
development of lands for public parks &
open space.

Program funding is through a portion of
the State's Real Estate Transfer Tax

OSLAD provides a 50% advance payment
on the grants

If 50% payment is elected, then
extensions are not allowed if money is
not already spent or legally allocated.



Funding the Fun:

1. Get in the Competition
2. Score in Every Category
3. Avoid a Penalty



Get in the Competition

Get and Stay Prequalified

Get Pre-Qualified for Potential Grants

- Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
- Current UEI # - Found in your GATA portal
- SAMS Cage #
- Good Standing with Secretary of State
- GATA is Current and Kept Up Each Year

Pre-Qualification Status

Your organization is currently in good standing with all pre-qualification requirements.

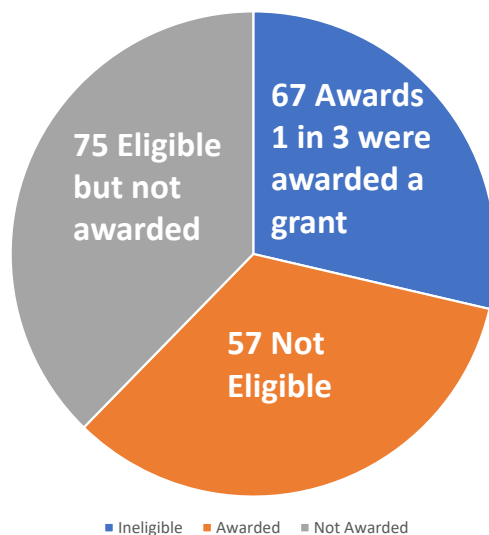
Requirement	Status	Remediation
SAM.gov Account	Good	Help
Federal Employer ID (FEIN)	Good	Help
Federal Excluded Parties List	Good	Help
Illinois Secretary of State	Good	Help
Illinois Stop Payment List	Good	Help
Illinois DHFS Sanction List	Good	Help

Your organization must remain in good standing in all pre-qualification requirements. The status of these requirements are validated nightly. Notifications when changes occur to the pre-qualification status can be emailed to Grantee Portal Access users by clicking the "Manage" button below.

Get in the Competition

38% of grant applications were rejected before the competition started

All Submissions Breakdown



199 Grants Submitted

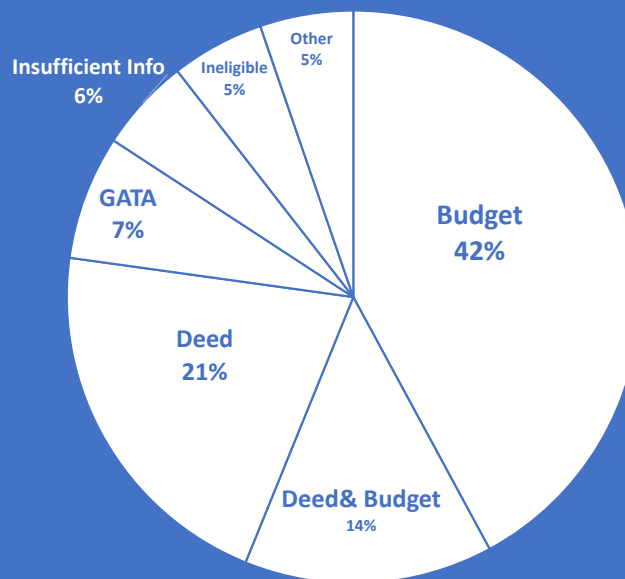
67 Grants were Awarded

57 Submissions Ineligible

75 Eligible but Not Awarded
(fell below points for award)

What reasons made 57 Not Eligible?

SUBMISSIONS NOT ELIGIBLE



Budget or Ineligible Expenses

32 Rejections

- Not Broken Out as Directed
- Budget Included Unidentified Costs
- Unallowable Expenses Were Included
 - Memorials, Cameras, Dredging, Miniature Golf
 - Administrative Costs
 - Engineering Costs exceed 15.25%
 - Dog Park exceeded \$25,000

Proposed Budget			
Expense Budget			
Category	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budget
7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)	\$0.00	\$144,800.00	\$144,800.00
Architectural and Engineering Services	\$0.00	\$142,800.00	\$142,800.00
CPA Fee	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
8. Construction	\$600,000.00	\$711,300.00	\$1,311,300.00
2-5 and 5-12 Playground Renovation	\$285,700.00	\$338,400.00	\$624,100.00
Renovated Multi-use Trails: 0.46 Miles	\$46,800.00	\$55,500.00	\$102,300.00
Shelter Area Improvements	\$25,300.00	\$30,000.00	\$55,300.00
Baseball Accessibility Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$17,800.00	\$32,800.00
Parking Lot Renovation	\$28,400.00	\$33,700.00	\$62,100.00
New Adult Fitness Area - 6 Components	\$48,700.00	\$57,800.00	\$106,500.00
New Game Area - Ping pong and Bag Toss	\$13,500.00	\$16,000.00	\$29,500.00
New Basketball Court	\$73,100.00	\$86,700.00	\$159,800.00
Restroom Enclosure	\$3,500.00	\$4,100.00	\$7,600.00
New Soccer Fields - New Permanent Goals	\$18,300.00	\$21,800.00	\$40,100.00
Display Garden With Interpretive Signage	\$11,900.00	\$14,100.00	\$26,000.00
Native Planting Buffer	\$29,800.00	\$35,400.00	\$65,200.00
Total Expense Budget Cost	\$600,000.00	\$856,100.00	\$1,456,100.00
Revenue Budget			
Grant Funding			
Award Requested	\$600,000.00		\$600,000.00
Subtotal	\$600,000.00		\$600,000.00
Non-Grant Funding			
Cash Match		\$856,100.00	\$856,100.00
In-Kind Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funding		\$0.00	\$0.00
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NOT GOOD

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16.5% of Budget

15.25% is Maximum

20 Rejections

QUIT CLAIM DEED
Statutory (ILLINOIS)
(Corporation to Corporation)

OWNER

GEORGE E. COLE
LEGAL FORMS
NO. 821
February, 1995

**QUIT CLAIM DEED
Statutory (ILLINOIS)
(Corporation to Corporation)**

CAUTION: This form is to be used only in making conveyances of real estate for the purpose of this form. It is not to be used for any other purpose, including any warranty of non-liability or release for a particular purpose.

THE GRANTOR, THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, a municipal corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, and duly authorized to transact business in the State of Illinois, for the consideration of TEN and NO/100ths (\$10.00) DOLLARS, in hand paid, and pursuant to authority given by the Board of Trustees of said corporation, CONVEYS AND QUIT CLAIMS to BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, having its principal office at the following address: 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089, all interest in the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Lake and State of Illinois, to wit:

Outlot "A" in Parkchester Estates, being a subdivision of part of Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 43 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded November 20, 1989 as Document 2852525, in Lake County, Illinois.

Permanent Real Estate Index Number(s): 15-13-219-001
Address(es) of Real Estate: Vacant Outlot

In Witness Whereof, said Grantor has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and has caused its name to be signed to these presents by its Vice President, and attested by its Vice Clerk, Secretary, this 17th day of October, 1994.

THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE
IMPRESS BY [Signature] Village President
CORPORATE SEAL HERE ATTEST: Janet Sirabian Village Clerk

State of Illinois, County of COOK, ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that STONEY MATHEAS personally known to me to be the Village President of the VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, a municipal corporation, and JANET SIRABIAN personally known to me to be the Vice Clerk of said corporation, and personally known to me to be the Secretary of said corporation, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me on this day of October, 1994, and acknowledged that said STONEY MATHEAS used the corporate seal of said corporation to be affixed thereto, and that said instrument was duly given by the Board of Trustees of said corporation, as the same appears from the records of said corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 12/31/98
My Commission No. 00000000

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS OR REVENUE STAMPS HERE

THIS INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, ILLINOIS, ON 10/27/94 AT 10:00 A.M. BY [Signature] CLERK

Quit Claim does not prove ownership

If deed includes the language "quit-claims property to..." or similar, it is functionally a quit-claim deed

Return to 237-124-134
T.G. Przyborski
9 N. County Street, DEED
Waukegan, Illinois

THIS INDENTURE, made this 29 day of August, 1969, between THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, a national banking association, Edward Foss Wilson and Helen Wilson Williams, not personally or individually, but solely as Trustees under the Trust Agreement with Helen Wilson Williams, dated June 17, 1959, and known as the "Helen Wilson Williams Trust", Parties of the First Part, and FOSS PARK DISTRICT a municipal corporation of the City of Chicago, County of Lake, and State of Illinois. Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH: That the Parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$108,000 do hereby convey and quit claim unto the said Party of the Second Part the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

The West half of Lot 2 in the North West quarter of Section 6, Township 44 North, Range 12, East of the 3rd P.M., lying Easterly of the Easterly right of way line of the Chicago and State Line Rail Road Company, now the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in Lake County, Illinois.

ALSO

The North 300 feet of Government Lot 1 in the North West quarter of Section 6, Township 44 North, Range 12, East of the 3rd P.M., lying Easterly of the Easterly right of way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway (excepting therefrom the East 135.0 feet thereof), in Lake County, Illinois,

together with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any-wise appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand

REJECTED

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Gold Standard = Warranty Deed or Trustee Deed That “Conveys and Warrants”

Other problem deeds that require title insurance or an attorney’s opinion of title

Corporate Warranty Deed

REJECTED

Special Warranty Deed

REJECTED

Sheriff’s Deed

REJECTED

No Deed

REJECTED

What reasons made an application Not Eligible?

Without a Warranty or Trustee Deed, submit the following:

- Title Insurance
- or
- Attorney’s Opinion of Title

PIN: 08-01-300-007 , 08-12-100-003 Project Attachment 05 - Title Commitment
Campton Township
Goldenstein East Property Addition

ALTA COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE

Issued By: CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

Commitment Number: 23007566WF

NOTICE

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY: THIS COMMITMENT IS AN OFFER TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE TITLE INSURANCE POLICIES. ALL CLAIMS OR REMEDIES SOUGHT AGAINST THE COMPANY INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT OR THE POLICY MUST BE BASED SOLELY ON CONTRACT.

THIS COMMITMENT IS NOT AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE, REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF TITLE, LEGAL OPINION, OPINION OF TITLE, OR OTHER REPRESENTATION OF THE STATUS OF TITLE. THE PROCEDURES USED BY THE COMPANY TO DETERMINE INSURABILITY OF THE TITLE, INCLUDING ANY SEARCH AND EXAMINATION, ARE PROPRIETARY TO THE COMPANY, WERE PERFORMED SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY, AND CREATE NO EXTRA CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A PROPOSED INSURED.

THE COMPANY'S OBLIGATION UNDER THIS COMMITMENT IS TO ISSUE A POLICY TO A PROPOSED INSURED IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE A IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS COMMITMENT. THE COMPANY HAS NO LIABILITY, OBLIGATION INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

COMMITMENT TO ISSUE POLICY

Subject to the Notice, Schedule B, Part I-Requirements, Schedule B, Part II-Exceptions, and the Commitment Conditions, Chicago Title Insurance Company, a Florida corporation (the "Company"), commits to issue the Policy according to the terms and provisions of this Commitment. This Commitment is effective as of the Commitment Date shown in Schedule A for each Policy described in Schedule A, only when the Company has entered in Schedule A both the specified dollar amount as the Proposed Policy Amount and the name of the Proposed Insured.

It is at the schedule's, Part I-requirements have not been met within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Commitment Date, this Commitment terminates and the Company's liability and obligation end.

Chicago Title Insurance Company
By: *Michael J. Nolan*
Michael J. Nolan, President
Attest: *Marjorie Amara*
Marjorie Amara, Secretary

This page is only a part of a 2016 ALTA Commitment for Title Insurance issued by Chicago Title Insurance Company. This Commitment is invalid without the Release, the Commitment to Issue Policy, the Commitment Conditions, Schedule A, Schedule B, Part I-Requirements, Schedule B, Part II-Exceptions, and a counter-signature by the Company or its design agent that may be in electronic form.
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Score in Every Category

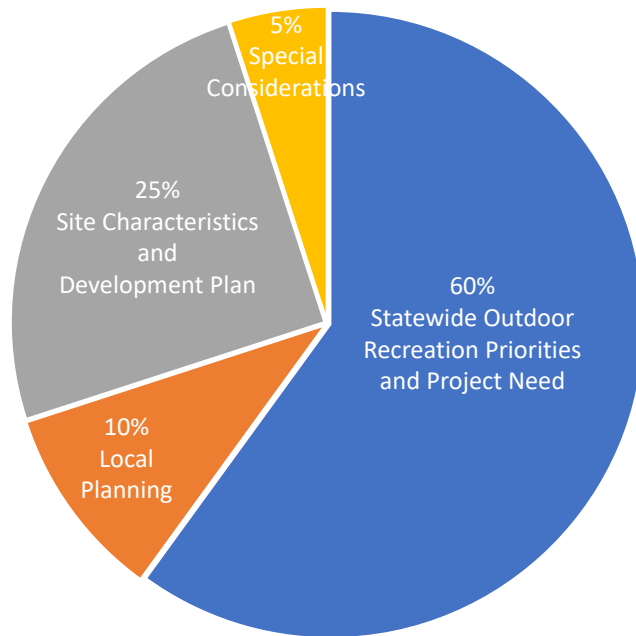
70% of applications fall within a 5-point spread so every point you can pick up can make the difference. OSLAD is intensely competitive and there are never enough dollars to award every worthy project.

- Andrew Jenkins

IDNR Senior Conservation Grant Administrator



Grant Scoring = 100 points



* Source 2026 OSLAD Grant Manual
 ■ Statewide Outdoor Recreation Priorities and Project Need ■ Local Planning ■ Site Characteristics and Development plan ■ Project Special Considerations



60%
 Statewide
 Outdoor
 Recreation
 Priorities and
 Project Need

35% Address Major Outdoor
 Recreation and Conservation
 Priorities
 and
 25% Local Needs Assessment

35% Address Major Outdoor Recreation and Conservation

MANY SUBMISSION FAILED IN THIS AREA

1. Habitat enhancement or creation
2. Educational element
3. Green technology

1. Habitat enhancement or creation

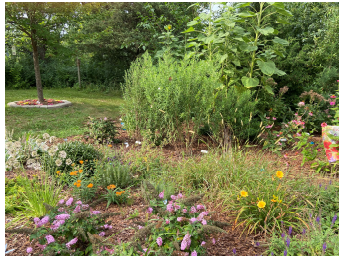
Describe how the project protects, enhances, or expands wildlife habitat through acquisition and/or development

2. Educational Element

Describe how the project promotes conservation education

3. Green technology

Incorporate green elements beyond plants.



- Interpretive Signage
- Interpretive Trail
- Tie to Enhancement or Creation of Habitat



EDUCATIONAL ELEMENT



GREEN TECHNOLOGY

- Solar Panels
- Green Roof
- Permeable Paving
- Rain Garden
- Bio-Swale

25% Local Needs Assessment =
A Diversity of Needed
Recreational Elements



Limited Recreational Components will be Scored Poorly

Incorporate Active and Passive Components



• Indicate if a Component is the First for your Community

• Define the Recreational Components

- Open lawn is not a component
- A grill is not a component
- A component is the sum of its parts



**RECREATIONAL COMPONENT:
AN AMENITY YOUR
COMMUNITY WILL COME TO
THE SITE TO ENGAGE WITH**

**25%
Site Characteristics and
Development Plan**

- Physical characteristics work for park site
- Site Accessibility: parking, pedestrian access, bicycle access
- Overall site plan: creative, sensitive to environment & diversity of opportunities



- Hold a series of public meetings
- Project is Identified in Your Comprehensive Plan (approved within 5 years)
- The level of public involvement and support for a project is a critical factor considered under this evaluation category

10% Local Planning



5% Special Considerations

- All equipment and park itself is handicap-accessible
- Third Party Donations
- Third Party Volunteers
- Previous OSLAD Assistance
- Newly Established Agency
- Part of Economic Development of An Area
- Increasing Recreation in High Density Urban Area



Avoid a Penalty

Project Penalty Considerations

A local agency may be penalized during project evaluation *for* poor performance in:

- 1) The execution of previous OSLAD projects; or
- 2) Responding to IDNR requests for necessary application information; or
- 3) Ability to maintain existing recreation/public facilities; or
- 4) Providing required post-completion compliance certification information regarding prior grant projects.

Applications for funding assistance will **NOT** be considered by the Department if:

- 1) An unresolved program violation exists relative to a previous grant project; or
- 2) The local applicant has failed to provide local recreation facilities information as requested by the Department for the Illinois Recreation Facilities Inventory (IRFI).

GETTING FUNDS UP FRONT

- ADVANCE FUNDS ARE FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS. IF THEY ARE NOT NEEDED – WAIVE THE ADVANCE PAYMENT AND BILL QUARTERLY
- HAVE TO PUT IT IN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT.
- MUNICIPALITY WILL BE CHARGED OF 12% PER YEAR – FOR NOT PUTTING IT IN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT.



START YOUR PROJECT RIGHT AWAY!

- Don't apply if you cannot start
- Complete project within 2 years
- Use online system to get quarterly payments



Thank you for attending!
Questions and Contacts

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