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CITY PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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City Parks and Open Space (15% of REAP funds) - This money is available to cities through competitive grants. Three (3) city size categories and grant amount ceilings have been established to assure grants are distributed to all sizes of cities.

REAP funds (derived from gaming revenues) are appropriated by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. City Park and Open Space grant applications are due annually on August 15th at 4:30 pm. The application materials are available at the bottom of this page.

These grants are 100%, so local matching funds are not required. This grant program is very competitive. Funds are not available for single or multipurpose athletic fields, baseball or softball diamonds, tennis courts, golf courses, and other organized sport facilities. Swimming pools and playground equipment are also ineligible. Parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments are typical projects funded under this REAP program. The DNR administers the city grant program. City officials representing the Iowa Park and Recreation Association and League of Cities select which projects receive funding.

Projects must be completed within two years of the grant award. 90% of funds can be requested at the time a grant agreement is signed and the remaining 10% will be awarded upon successful completion of the project.

REAP City Grant Applications

REAP City Grant applications are due annually on August 15. The REAP City Grant Review Committee will meet in late September to score applications and provide funding recommendations to the Natural Resource Commission for approval at the October meeting.

How do I submit the application?

REAP Grant Applications are submitted electronically. Please use the following guidelines:

- Application should be saved as one complete file (including all appendices, maps, letters of support, etc.), saved as a pdf.
- Grants should be formatted for easy printing and viewing. Check orientation of maps, budget sheets, etc. for ease of viewing and printing.
- Please name the application: ApplicantName.Shortprojectname.FY17.pdf

- Maximum file size is 20MB or 20,480KB. Compressed pdfs will be accepted. Files larger than 20MB will be rejected by the email system.
- Email your grant application to tammie.krausman@dnr.iowa.gov by **August 15 at 4:30 P.M.**

For acquisition projects:

- Guidelines for Grant Reimbursement Applications , Rev 01/2013
- Guidelines for Iowa Certified General Real Property Appraisers , Rev 01/2013
Appraisal guidelines to assist applicants and their contracted certified appraisers in performing appraisals for grant reimbursement or general certified appraisers contracted by the DNR for performing appraisals on behalf of the DNR.

REAP Coordinator

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REAP Grant Resources

Grant Application
Grant Application Instructions

Scoring Criteria for City Grants
REAP Administrative Rules
Open Spaces Plan
Helpful Hints
Recent City REAP Grants

State Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
Wildlife Action Plan

Grant Money Allocation

The amount of REAP grant money available to a city depends on population. The population categories and respective grant amount ceilings are shown below:

| Population | Maximum |
|------------|-----------|
| 0 - 1,000 | \$ 50,000 |

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|-----------------|-----------|
| 1,001 - 5,000 | \$ 75,000 |
| 5,001 - 10,000 | \$100,000 |
| 10,001 - 25,000 | \$125,000 |
| 25,001 - 50,000 | \$150,000 |
| 50,001 - 75,000 | \$200,000 |
| Over 75,000 | \$300,000 |

Information on the Fiscal Year 2018 grant awards:

FY 18 REAP City Grant Awards and Descriptions

| Population | Amount Requested | 2017(FY18) Available Funding | # of Projects Scored | # of Projects Funded |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 - 2,000 | \$1,619,836 | \$480,667 | 28 | 8 |
| 2,000-25,000 | \$2,724,681 | \$675,300 | 31 | 8 |
| Over 25,000 | \$3,139,414 | \$967,138 | 18 | 5 |
| Total: | \$7,483,931 | \$2,123,105 | 77 | 21 |

REAP Funding Locations

To view the cities/counties that have received REAP funding and learn about the type of projects in your area, click on a county below and then a dot to read the project description, sponsor, and funding received:

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