

# Alabama

## Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program



### NRPA POLICY POSITION:

- Support the permanent reauthorization of the LWCF, including full and dedicated funding. LWCF is scheduled to expire in October 2018.
- Protect the interests of states and local communities by providing fair and equitable treatment for the **State Assistance Program** of no less than 40% guaranteed funding for formula grants to the states for active outdoor recreation. This is the same amount required by law to be allocated to the LWCF federal land acquisition program.
- In absence of authorizing legislation, exercise discretionary appropriations authority to allocate at least 40 percent of the total LWCF funding in FY18 to the **State Assistance Program**, with a dedicated amount being provided to the “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership” (ORLP) competitive grant initiative.

### LWCF STATE ASSISTANCE AT WORK IN THE STATE

All data provided by National Park Service (NPS)

Total number of projects funded in state by LWCF State Assistance 1965–2015	Total funding provided to the state from LWCF State Assistance 1965–2016
921	\$68,445,607

The chart below shows how the state has fared in recent years and the impact to the state through a 40% allocation.

	Amount Appropriated to the State Assistance Program	State Apportionment	What state would have received with 40% allocation
<b>FY14</b>	\$45 million *	\$660,833	\$1,930,000
<b>FY15</b>	\$45 million *	\$660,833	\$1,930,000
<b>FY16</b>	\$94,839,000**	\$1,493,901	\$2,838,000

LWCF appropriations totaled , \$306 million in FY14 and FY15, and \$450 million in FY16. *Source: www.doi.gov/budget/upload/LWCFRECEIPTS.xls*

\* In FY14 and FY15 LWCF State Assistance funding totaled \$45m, which included \$42m in formula grants to the states and \$3m for the ORLP.

\*\* In FY16 LWCF State Assistance funding totaled \$110m, which included \$94.8m in formula grants to the states and \$12m for the ORLP.

### PROJECTS FUNDED BY LWCF STATE ASSISTANCE:

Project	Recipient	Year	Amount
Enterprise State Park	City of Enterprise	2015	\$50,000
Doyle Park Revitalation	City of Mobile	2015	\$50,000
Special Needs Accessible Playground	City of Hartselle	2015	\$50,000

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For more information about the impact of LWCF State Assistance in your state, visit <http://waso-lwcf.nrcr.nps.gov/public/index.cfm>  
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