

**Seattle Parks and Recreation
State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Legacy Grant Applications for 2021**

Public Assets & Native Communities Committee

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Seattle Parks and Recreation



City of Seattle

What is RCO – Legacy Grant Program?

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a state agency that manages grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities and protect wildlife habitat, farmland and salmon. The RCO Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Legacy Grant Program (Legacy) is a partnership with the National Park Service.

Eligible project applicants include municipalities. Legacy grants fund capital projects in low-income, diverse urban areas, with limited parks and park resources. Legacy grants compete at a state and national level, fund projects up to \$5M, and require a 1-to-1 match of non-federal dollars.

Grant-awarded projects are required to be operated and maintained for the purposes for which funding is sought (in perpetuity or until the end of the project's life cycle).



RCO - Legacy Resolution Summary

- Resolution authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to submit grant applications to RCO - Legacy for 2 projects.
- The adopted resolution must be submitted to RCO by March 1, 2022 for SPR's projects to remain eligible for funding.
- RCO requires the City to provide match funding; projects must be operated for the purposes for which funding is sought.
- 2021 selection process: SPR staff reviewed projects and compared them against RCO's criteria. This final list was approved by SPR based on:
 - Eligibility, alignment with RCO grant category criteria
 - Inclusion in a department plan with matching funds
 - Readiness to proceed with design and construction
 - Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) prioritization



Aerial shot of Garfield Super Block

How RCO - Legacy Grant Cycle Works

- RCO grants leverage existing funding for projects in SPR's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Grants are awarded in a public, competitive process.
- RCO requires applicants to submit a resolution that authorizes the request for funding.
- GRANT AWARDS:
 - Final grant applications were due July 21, 2021.
 - The RCO Board recommended projects for federal review.
 - Funding awarded Oct. 31, 2022.
 - Grants awarded for 1-4 yrs.



Aerial shot of Be'er Sheva Park

SPR benefits from RCO grants

- Since 1966, SPR has secured \$40M in RCO funding for 131 projects, averaging \$250K-\$4M per grant cycle.

Current Projects



Be'er Sheva Park Phase 2



Garfield Super Block

RCO - Legacy Grant Projects: Summary Chart

Project Name	Location	Grant Request	Match	Total
Be'er Sheva Phase 2	SE Seattle	\$472,000	\$472,000	\$944,000
Garfield Super Block	Central Seattle	\$2,085,000	\$2,085,000	\$4,170,000
TOTAL		\$2,557,000	\$2,557,000	\$5,114,000





Thank you!

QUESTIONS?



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