

# Seattle Parks and Recreation State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) 2025 Grant Applications

City Council Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee

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Seattle Parks and Recreation



City of Seattle

# Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Overview



- Established in 1964 as the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, later RCO
- Supports outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, and public access in Washington State.
- RCO administers a competitive grant process
- Typical awards are between \$350,000 & \$2M.

# 2024 RCO Applications

Project	Grant Program	RCO Funding Board	
		Recommendation	Amount
Dr. Jose Rizal	Land Water Conservation Fund*	Not Recommended	\$ 1,873,546
Dr. Jose Rizal	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	Not Recommended	\$ 500,000
First Tee at Bill Wright Golf Complex	Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities	Recommended	\$ 1,200,000
Hutchinson Playground	Land Water Conservation Fund*	Recommended	\$ 2,000,000
Hutchinson Playground	Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities	Recommended	\$ 1,200,000
Hutchinson Playground	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	Recommended	\$ 500,000
Hutchinson Playground	Youth Athletic Facilities	Recommended	\$ 968,215
Lake City Flood Plain	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	Recommended	\$ 500,000
Lake City Flood Plain	Land Water Conservation Fund*	Recommended	\$ 1,100,000
Smith Cove Playfield	Youth Athletic Facilities	Not Recommended	\$ 634,081
Walt Hundley Playfield	Youth Athletic Facilities	Recommended	\$ 1,400,448
		<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>\$ 8,868,663</b>

\*National Parks Service Funding

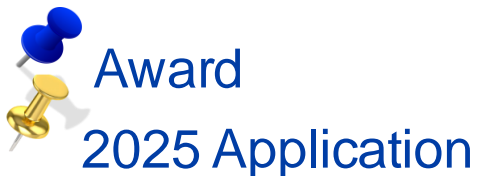


# Recent Grant Awards

Location of recent and active awards (2019-2025)

Primary Funders:

- RCO – State Funds
- RCO – Federally Administered Funds
- King County Levy
- WA Department of Commerce



# Resolution Summary

- RCO requires applicants to submit an adopted resolution authorizing the agency to apply
- The adopted resolution must be submitted to RCO by March 14, 2025 for SPR's projects to remain eligible for funding
- RCO requires the City to provide match funding
- Projects must be operated and maintained in perpetuity for the purposes for which funding is sought



Discovery Park South Beach Trail

# 2025 RCO Grant Applications



Evans (Green Lake) Pool Redevelopment

SPR would like to apply for \$24,000,000 in funding for 7 projects through RCO grant programs:

- 5 – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program (ORLP)
- 1 – Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- 1 – Community Outdoor Recreation Facilities (COAF)

# Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership

ORLP is a grant program from the National Parks Service

- Focus on low-income, diverse urban areas, with limited parks and park resources
- Applications compete nation-wide
- Funds requests between \$300,000 - \$15,000,000
- Requires a 1-to-1 match of non-federal dollars
- Focus on outdoor recreation but funds indoor pools in mild climates
- Grants are administered by RCO



# Project Selection Process



SPR staff selected projects with the greatest gaps in funding and that best align with scoring criteria making them competitive for funding:

- Need-Local Priorities
- Project Scope
- Project Engagement
- Sustainability
- Cost Efficiencies
- Need-Statewide Priorities



# 2025 Project Summaries

## First Tee's Application at Bill Wright Golf Complex

4101 Beacon Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

- Safety netting for 9-hole course
- Safety lighting
- General Improvements
- First Tee is the primary applicant
- 2024 Application Recommended for Funding
- Legislation is required for eligibility purposes

**COAF Grant Request:** \$1,200,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$1,200,000

**Project Timeline:** 2026



# Discovery Park South Beach Trail

Discovery Park Blvd., Seattle

- Re-routes South Beach Trail
- Improves accessibility
- Habitat restoration
- Installs viewpoints

**RTP Grant Request:** \$150,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$420,111

**Project Timeline:** 2026



# Stan Sayres Memorial Boat Launch

3808 Lake Washington Blvd. S, Seattle

- Adds boarding floats to piers
- Rebuilds launch apron
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Removal of creosote-contaminated timbers from lake

**ORLP Grant Request:** \$1,250,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$3,300,000

**Project Timeline:** 2025-2026



# Dr. Jose Rizal Park

1007 12th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

- New play area
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Public restroom renovation
- Site furnishings

**ORLP Request:** \$1,250,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$2,500,000

**Project Timeline:** 2026



# Judkins Park Inclusive Playground and Spray Park

2150 S Norman St., Seattle, WA 98144

## Project Partners:

Inclusion Matters & No More Under

- New Inclusive Play Area
- Renovated Spray Park
- Renovations to Public Restrooms
- ADA Improvements

**ORLP Grant Request:** \$3,250,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$7,000,000

**Project Timeline:** 2026-2027



# Evans (Green Lake) Swimming Pool

7201 East Green Lake Dr N, Seattle, WA 98115

- New Indoor Lap Pool
- New Indoor Recreation Pool
- Public Restrooms

**ORLP Grant Request:** \$15,000,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$40,000,000

**Project Timeline:** 2026-2028



# NW Native Canoe Center

900 Westlake Ave N, Seattle, WA 9809

- Partnership with United Indians of All Tribes
- New Canoe Carving Facility
- Will apply only if needed

**ORLP Grant Request:** \$1,900,000

**Total Project Budget:** \$4,000,000

**Project Timeline:** 2026-2028



# Summary of SPR 2025 RCO Grant Projects

Project Name	Grant Request	Local Match
Discovery Park South Beach Trail	\$150,000	\$270,111
First Tee at Bill Wright Golf Complex	\$1,200,000	No match required
Upper Dr. Jose Rizal	\$1,250,000	\$625,000
Evans Pool	\$15,000,000	\$30,000,000
Judkins Park	\$3,250,000	\$1,625,000
Stan Sayres Boat Launch Renovation	\$1,250,000	\$625,000
Northwest Native Canoe Center	\$1,900,000	\$4,000,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,000,000</b>	<b>\$37,145,111</b>





# RCO Grant and Funding Timeline

Description	Date
Council consideration	February 12, 2025
Legislation due to RCO	March 14, 2025
Applications Due to RCO	April 30, 2025
State Submittal to National Park Service	May 1, 2025
Pre-Award Notifications	Summer 2025
Contracts issued for execution	Summer 2026





# Questions?