

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

| | | RCO Funding Board | |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Project | Grant Program | 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 |
| | | Total Recommended | \$ 8,868,663 |

*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

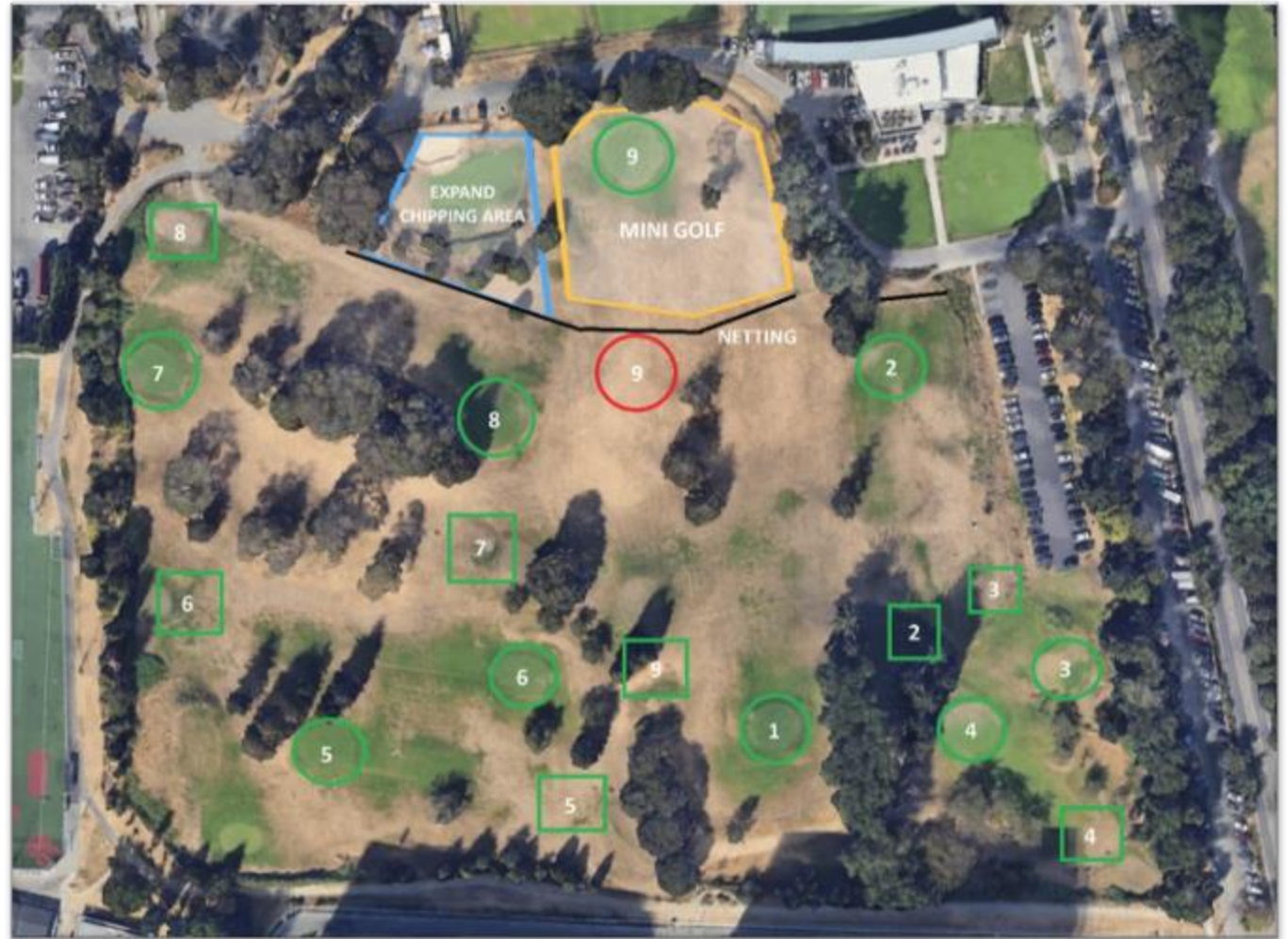
4101 Beacon Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

- 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 | \$15,000,000 |
| 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 | \$1,900,000 |
| TOTALS | \$24,000,000 | \$20,045,111 |



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?

