

AMENDMENT TO RULES
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Page 1510, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **DIVISION H—OUTDOOR RECRE-**
2 **ATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP**
3 **PROGRAM**

4 **SEC. 11101. OUTDOORS FOR ALL.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means—

9 (i) a State or territory of the United
10 States;

11 (ii) a political subdivision of a State
12 or territory of the United States, includ-
13 ing—

14 (I) a city;

15 (II) a county; and

16 (III) a special purpose district
17 that manages open space, including
18 park districts; and

1 (iii) an Indian Tribe, or Alaska Native
2 or Native Hawaiian community or organi-
3 zation.

4 (B) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INDIAN
5 TRIBES.—A political subdivision of a State or
6 territory of the United States or an Indian
7 Tribe, including Alaska Native or Native Ha-
8 waiian community organization, shall be consid-
9 ered an eligible entity only if the political sub-
10 division or Indian Tribe represents or otherwise
11 serves a qualifying urban area.

12 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
13 has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in
14 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
15 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

16 (3) LOW-INCOME.—The term “low-income com-
17 munity” means any census block group in which 30
18 percent or more of the population are individuals
19 with an annual household income equal to, or less
20 than, the greater of—

21 (A) an amount equal to 80 percent of the
22 median income of the area in which the house-
23 hold is located, as reported by the Department
24 of Housing and Urban Development; and

1 (B) 200 percent of the Federal poverty
2 line.

3 (4) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNER-
4 SHIP PROGRAM.—The term “Outdoor Recreation
5 Legacy Partnership Program” means the program
6 established under subsection (b)(1).

7 (5) QUALIFYING URBAN AREA.—The term
8 “qualifying urban area” means an area identified by
9 the Census Bureau as an area with a population of
10 30,000 or more in the most recent census.

11 (6) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The
12 term “eligible nonprofit organization” means an or-
13 ganization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of
14 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt
15 from tax under section 501(a) of such code.

16 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means any state
19 of the United States or the District of Columbia.

20 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
22 an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program
23 under which the Secretary may award grants to eli-
24 gible entities for projects—

1 (A) to acquire land and water for parks
2 and other outdoor recreation purposes in quali-
3 fying urban areas; and

4 (B) to develop new or renovate existing
5 outdoor recreation facilities in qualifying urban
6 areas.

7 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
9 ceiving a grant under paragraph (1), an eligible
10 entity shall provide matching funds in the form
11 of cash or an in-kind contribution in an amount
12 equal to not less than 100 percent of the
13 amounts made available under the grant.

14 (B) SOURCES.—The matching amounts re-
15 ferred to in subparagraph (A) may include
16 amounts made available from State, local, non-
17 governmental, or private sources.

18 (C) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
19 all or part of the matching requirement under
20 subparagraph (A) in underserved or low-income
21 communities if the Secretary determines that—

22 (i) no reasonable means are available
23 through which an applicant can meet the
24 matching requirement; and

1 (ii) the probable benefit of such
2 project outweighs the public interest in
3 such matching requirement.

4 (D) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not
5 more than 10 percent of funds provided to an
6 eligible entity may be used for administrative
7 expenses.

8 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants to eligible
9 entities, the Secretary will consider the extent to which
10 a project may—

11 (1) provide recreation opportunity in under-
12 served communities where access to parks is not
13 adequate to meet local needs;

14 (2) provide opportunities for outdoor education
15 and public land volunteerism;

16 (3) support innovative or cost-effective ways to
17 enhance parks and recreation opportunities or deliv-
18 ery of services;

19 (4) support city park and recreation program-
20 ming, by means including cooperative agreements
21 with community-based eligible nonprofit organiza-
22 tions; and

23 (5) create native event sites or cultural gath-
24 ering spaces.

25 (d) ELIGIBLE USES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant recipient may use a
2 grant awarded under this section—

3 (A) to acquire land or water in a quali-
4 fying urban area that provides outdoor recre-
5 ation opportunities to the public; and

6 (B) to develop or renovate outdoor rec-
7 reational facilities in a qualifying urban area
8 that provide outdoor recreation opportunities to
9 the public.

10 (2) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—A grant recipient
11 may not use grant funds for—

12 (A) incidental costs related to land acquisi-
13 tion, including appraisal and titling;

14 (B) operation and maintenance activities;

15 (C) facilities that support semiprofessional
16 or professional athletics;

17 (D) indoor facilities such as recreation cen-
18 ters or facilities that support primarily non-out-
19 door purposes; or

20 (E) acquisition of land or interests in land
21 that restrict access to specific persons.

22 (e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
23 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that—

1 (1) create or significantly enhance access to
2 park and recreational opportunities in an urban
3 neighborhood or community;

4 (2) engage and empower underserved commu-
5 nities and youth;

6 (3) provide employment or job training opportu-
7 nities for youth or underserved communities;

8 (4) establish or expand public-private partner-
9 ships, with a focus on leveraging resources; and

10 (5) take advantage of coordination among var-
11 ious levels of government.

12 (f) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.—In
13 carrying out the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership
14 Program, the Secretary shall—

15 (1) conduct an initial screening and technical
16 review of applications received;

17 (2) evaluate and score all qualifying applica-
18 tions; and

19 (3) provide culturally and linguistically appro-
20 priate information and technical assistance to eligi-
21 ble entities and low-income communities about the
22 opportunity to apply for funds under this section,
23 the application procedures by which eligible entities
24 may apply for funds, and eligible uses for funding.

25 (g) REPORTING.—

1 (1) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the last day of each report period, each State
3 lead agency that receives a grant under this section
4 shall annually submit to the Secretary performance
5 and financial reports that—

6 (A) summarize project activities conducted
7 during the report period; and

8 (B) provide the status of the project.

9 (2) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
10 after the earlier of the date of expiration of a project
11 period or the completion of a project, each State
12 lead agency that receives a grant under this section
13 shall submit to the Secretary a final report con-
14 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
15 quire.

