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Dear Governor Pritzker and members of the Illinois General Assembly:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is pleased to present the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program's annual report for fiscal year 2024.

The OSLAD program is one of IDNR's most popular grant programs. With continued support by the legislature, OSLAD received \$56 million of funds in FY24 for acquisition and development of recreation projects in Illinois. This program has become a vital resource for local agencies as they try to keep pace with the growing demands for additional open space land and new outdoor recreation opportunities while rehabilitating aging recreation facilities.

The OSLAD program has enabled local governments, individually and cooperatively, to commit to large-scale, long-term recreation, and open space and natural resource preservation initiatives, often transcending jurisdictional boundaries. As such, the OSLAD program not only forges state-local partnerships but also helps foster local, intergovernmental partnerships.

Your support and expansion of the OSLAD program has improved the quality of life in many Illinois communities by providing public recreation, securing perpetual open space for future generations, and increasing the benefits on citizens' health through exercise. IDNR is committed to the continued administration of this program in a manner responsive to the changing outdoor recreational needs of local governments throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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State of Illinois
J.B. Pritzker, Governor

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Open Space Lands Acquisition And Development Grant Program



OSLAD ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2024



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In FY24, the legislature continued the funds available for OSLAD to \$56 million and provided 100% funding for distressed communities. IDNR also made the decision to continue the increase of the funds available to grant awards at \$1,125,000 for land acquisition and \$600,000 for development (construction) projects. Local governments are limited to one acquisition and one development project application per year.

After grant award approval, 50% of the grant award may be paid to the local sponsors after the grant agreement is fully executed. The remainder of the grant will be paid to the local sponsors as matching funds are expended. Final grant reimbursement (payment) is made upon satisfactory project completion. Normally, one year is given to complete an acquisition project and two construction seasons for development projects.

To ensure continuing project accountability, IDNR monitors all completed acquisition projects in perpetuity by either conducting on-site inspections at five-year intervals or by requesting written reports from local sponsors certifying continuing compliance with program regulations. Sites receiving only OSLAD development grant assistance are bound by the OSLAD outdoor recreation use requirements for a specified period up to 20 years depending on the amount of OSLAD funds expended on the project.



PROGRAM PRIORITIES

As stipulated in the OSLAD Act, priorities for grant allocations are given to projects that:

- Provide the greatest benefit to the residents of the areas of the State that have the highest concentration or density of population; and/or
- Are based on criteria established by the Department that reflect outdoor recreation needs and priorities identified through the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

APPLICATION EVALUATION

An objective application evaluation instrument has been developed based on the above program priorities and regularly updated to reflect current priorities outlined in the Department's comprehensive five-year outdoor recreation plan and various other planning efforts.

Application for funding assistance will not be considered by the Department if:

- a) An unresolved program violation exists relative to a previous grant project or;
- b) The local applicant has failed to provide local recreation facilities information as requested by the Department for the Illinois Recreation Facilities Inventory (IRFI), a critical component for assessing statewide needs.

GRANT AWARDS

The Office of Grant Management and Assistance (OGMA) received 195 applications. Six were not qualified according to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). All qualified applications were given an eligibility review for application completeness. Seventy-four applicants were determined to be ineligible or withdrew. Eligible applicants were reviewed and scored based on criteria that was outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The following list of grants were funded with FY24 funds. Available program funds allowed IDNR to fund and award **111 projects totaling \$54,908,820.00**. **Thirty-two Distressed Communities** were recommended for **\$18,675,100.00**, which makes up 34% of all recommended funding.

Grantee	Project Name	County	House District	Senate District	Congressional District	Grant Award
FY24 Funds						
Addison PD	Centennial Park Improvements	DuPage	46	23	8	\$ 600,000
Alsip PD	Freedom Park Redevelopment	Cook	27	14	6	\$ 583,000
Arlington Heights PD	Recreation Park Phase II	Cook	27	14	6	\$ 583,000
Aviston Park District	Aviston Park District	Clinton	109	54	15	\$ 100,000
Bartlett PD	Sunrise Park	DuPage	49	25	3	\$ 600,000
Bensenville PD	Sunrise Park	DuPage	77	39	3	\$ 570,100
Bloomington Township	Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area	DuPage	48	24	8	\$ 150,000
Carbondale PD	Carbondale Park District	Jackson	115	58	12	\$ 600,000
Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Expanding Natural Areas Protection at River Bend	Champaign	101	51	15	\$ 1,125,000
Chicago Heights PD	Commissioners Park Project - Phase 2	Cook	80	40	2	\$ 600,000
Chicago PD	Infrastructure Upgrades to Improve Outdoor Recreation at Hegewisch Marsh Park	Cook	59	30	10	\$ 400,000
City of Abingdon	City of Abingdon	Knox	94	47	17	\$ 600,000
City of Aurora	Phase 1 Garfield Park Renovation FY24 OSLAD	Kane	49, 50, 83, 84, 97	25, 42, 49	11	\$ 600,000
City of Belleville	Citizens Park Improvements	St. Clair	113, 114	57	12	\$ 99,200
City of Benton	Malkovich Park Renovation	Franklin	116	58	12	\$ 43,717
City of Carlyle	City of Carlyle, Illinois	Clinton	110	55	12	\$ 600,000
City of Centralia	City of Centralia, IL	Clinton	107	54	15	\$ 600,000
City of Dallas City	City of Dallas City	Hancock	94	47	15	\$ 600,000
City of Elgin	Summerhill Park	Cook	65	33	6	\$ 600,000
City of Galesburg	Cooke Property Development	Knox	71	36	17	\$ 500,000
City of Greenville	City of Greenville	Bond	107	54	15	\$ 600,000
City of Hurst	City of Hurst	Williamson	118	59	12	\$ 586,000
City of La Salle	City of La Salle	La Salle	76	38	14	\$ 300,000
City of Litchfield	Bicentennial Campground Expansion	Montgomery	108	54	15	\$ 300,000
City of Mattoon	City of Mattoon Marina and Campground Revitalization Project	Cumberland, Shelby	107	54	12	\$ 599,800
City of Mound City	Mound City Community Park Improvements	Pulaski	118	59	12	\$ 599,800

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City of Nason	City of Nason	Jefferson	116	58	12	\$ 600,000
City of Nauvoo	City of Nauvoo	Hancock	94	47	15	\$ 600,000
City of Palos Hills	Indian Woods Park	Cook	36	18	3	\$ 292,100
City of Peru	Washington Park All-Seasons Project	LaSalle	76	38	16	\$ 600,000
City of Streator	Marilla Park Pond Improvement	Lasalle	106	53	16	\$ 219,900
City of Sullivan	City of Sullivan	Moultrie	107	54	15	\$ 576,000
City of Taylorville	Taylorville Lake Park Improvements	Christian	107	54	13	\$ 140,000
City of Toulon	City of Toulon OSAD	Stark	93	47	16	\$ 600,000
City of Vandalia	City of Vandalia Campground Improvements	Fayette	15	55	110	\$ 600,000
Community PD of La Grange Park	William G. Yena Park	Cook	8	4	4	\$ 600,000
County of Jackson Village of Elkhart	The Village of Elkhart	Jackson	118	59	12	\$ 574,400
Crystal Lake Park District	Crystal Lake Park District	McHenry	69	35	2	\$ 329,000
Dixon Park District	Revitalizing Vaile Park Basketball Courts of Dixon, IL	Lee	74	37	16	\$ 68,200
Effingham County	Pavilion on the Square	Effingham	107	54	12	\$ 118,300
Fox Valley Park District	Blackberry Crossing West Park - Phase II Improvements	Kendall	50, 83	25, 42	14	\$ 600,000
Frankfort Square Park District	Frankfort Sq. Pk Sist. – Hunter Prairie Park Redevelopment	Will	38	19	1	\$ 600,000
Golf Maine Park District	Dee Park Inclusive Play Area Development	Cook	55	28	5	\$ 500,000
Granite City Park District	Inclusive Universal Playground	Madison	113	57	13	\$ 500,000
Hoffman Estates Park District	Hoffman Estates Park District	Cook	44	22	8	\$ 600,000
Huntley PD	Weiss Park	McHenry	69	35	11	\$ 509,500
Illinois Medical District Commission	IMD Triangle Community Park	Cook	9	5	7	\$ 600,000
Kankakee Valley Park District	Bird Park	Kankakee	79	40	2	\$ 600,000
Kewanee PD	Splash Pad OSAD 2023	Henry	93	36	17	\$ 600,000
Lake Bluff PD	Blair Aquatic Center	Lake	58	29	10	\$ 600,000
Lake Villa Public Library District	West Activity Commons	Lake	61	31	10	\$ 600,000
Lake Villa Township	Senior Recreational Park Development	Lake	64	32	10	\$ 600,000
Limestone PD	Limestone Township Park District - Hawkins Park Improvements	Kankakee	79	40	2	\$ 500,000

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Lindenhurst PD	Lewis Park Redevelopment	Lake	61	31	10	\$ 450,000
Lisle PD	Tate Woods Park	DuPage	47	24	6	\$ 600,000
Lockport Township PD	Crest Hill Memorial Park	Will	85	43	3	\$ 600,000
Macon County Conservation District	Fort Daniel Pothole Prairie Restoration	Macon	107	54	15	\$ 600,000
Madison County Mass Transit District	MCT Formosa East Trail-Land Acquisition	Madison	109	55	15	\$ 500,000
Manhattan PD	Ivanhoe Park	Will	80	40	1	\$ 234,200
Marengo PD	Venue in the Park	Mchenry	69	35	11	\$ 600,000
Memorial PD	Sharp Park	Cook	77	39	4	\$ 600,000
Morton Grove PD	Palma Lane Park	Cook	15	8	9	\$ 352,100
Mundelein Park and Recreation District	Kracklauer Park – An Inclusive Space!	Lake	59	30	10	\$ 600,000
Niles PD – Niles IL	Golf Mill Park East Phase II	Cook	15	8	10	\$ 600,000
Northbrook PD	Meadowhill Aquatic Center Renovation	Cook	57	29	10	\$ 600,000
Northfield PD	Willow Park	Cook	57	29	9	\$ 405,300
Oak Lawn PD	Oak Meadows Park	Cook	36	18	3	\$ 600,000
Olympia Fields Park District	Sergeant Means Park Phase II	Cook	38	19	2	\$ 270,600
Oregon PD	Park East Phase One	Ogle	90	45	19	\$ 600,000
Park District of Highland Park	Lincoln Park Improvements	Lake	58	29	10	\$ 528,500
Park District of La Grange	Waiola Park Renovations	Cook	8	4	4	\$ 600,000
Pekin PD	Rotary Park Renovations	Tazwell	93	47	16	\$ 210,500
Quincy PD	Quincy PD	Adams	99	50	15	\$ 600,000
Rockford PD	Alpine Park Development	Winnebago	68	34	15	\$ 600,000
Roselle PD	Clauss Park Renovation	DuPage	48	24	8	\$ 600,000
Sangamon Township	Sangamon Township	Piatt	60	29,30	15	\$ 45,000
St Charles PD	East Side Sports Complex	Kane	65	33	8	\$ 600,000
Sugar Grove PD	Sugar Grove Pk. Dist. - Black Walnut Park Redevelopment	Kane	50	25	14	\$ 600,000
Sycamore PD	North Grove Park	DeKalb	70	35	14	\$ 348,300
Taylorville PD	Manners Park Outdoor Pool Development	Christian	107	54	15	\$ 600,000
Teutopolis PD	Teutopolis Park District	Effingham	107	54	12	\$ 346,500
Veterans PD	Gouin Park Renovation Project	Cook	77	39	5	\$ 371,794
Village of Bradley	Bradley Sports Complex	Kankakee	79	40	2	\$ 600,000
Village of Central City	Central City Lions Park Improvement Project	Marion	110	55	12	\$ 599,600
Village of Deer Park	Town Center Park	Lake	51	26	5	\$ 600,000
Village of Dwight	Village of Dwight's Renfrew Park OSLAD	Livingston	106	53	2	\$ 600,000

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Village of Elburn	Prairie Park	Kane	50	25	11	\$ 446,100
Village of Ford Heights	Village of Ford Heights	Cook	29	15	2	\$ 600,000
Village of Harristown	Village of Harristown Park project Phase 1	Macon	87	44	13	\$ 150,000
Village of Itasca	Wesley G. Usher Memorial Park Redevelopment	DuPage	48	24	8	\$ 600,000
Village of Kampsville	Kampsville Park Improvements	Calhoun	100	50	15	\$ 600,000
Village of Lake Zurich	Paulus Park Phase 2	Lake	51	26	5	\$ 600,000
Village of Minooka	Aux Sable Springs Phase II	Kendall	75	38	14	\$ 600,000
Village of Modesto	Modesto Park Improvements	Macoupin	100	50	13	\$ 600,000
Village of Mt. Morris	Zickuhr Park	Ogle	89	45	16	\$ 152,600
Village of New Baden	Village of New Baden - Inclusive Playground	Clinton	109	55	12	\$ 247,800
Village of Orland Park	Doogan Park Renovation	Cook	27	14	6	\$ 600,000
Village of Perry	East Park Improvements	Pike	100	50	15	\$ 600,000
Village of Richton Park	Village of Richton Park	Cook	38	19	2	\$ 200,000
Village of Rockbridge	Rockbridge Park Improvements	Greene	100	50	15	\$ 600,000
Village of Roscoe	Porter Park Phase 2 (Park Expansion)	Winnebago	90	45	16	\$ 531,328
Village of Shorewood	River's Edge Park Phase B Development	Will	86	43	14	\$ 600,000
Village of Southern View	Southern View Playground	Sangamon	95	48	13	\$ 280,620
Village of Villa Park	Lions Park	DuPage	46	23	6	\$ 600,000
Village of West Salem	Village of West Salem	Edwards	116	58	12	\$ 44,252
Village of Willowbrook	Village of Willowbrook	DuPage	82	41	118	\$ 600,000
City of Warrenville	Cerny Park Improvement Project, Phase I	DuPage	47	24	11	\$ 600,000
Westmont PD	Grant Street Neighborhood Park	DuPage	45	23	6	\$ 228,301
Winfield PD	Oakwood Park	DuPage	47	24	3	\$ 600,000
Winnebago County Forest Preserve	Development and Construction of a Natural Playground at Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden	Winnebago	67	34	17	\$ 389,900
York Center PD	Knolls Community Park Improvements	DuPage	42	21	6	\$ 304,200