

# 2024 PRIORITY SYSTEM FOR RATING LWCF PROJECTS

*UTAH OPSP Revised January 2022*

*If portions of the forms/question are missing or unanswered to the extent the project cannot be reasonably ranked against the other projects, the project may be deemed ineligible. Under federal rules and guidelines, the OPSP is a competitive grant cycle and grants must be ranked through the state-prescribed competition ranking system to be eligible.*

## I. **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS (participant): 400 points total**

### A. Administrative Capacity (100 points)

1. The application is properly completed and signed. (25 points)
  - a. Budget Forms were properly filled out and attached. Indirect was identified and included in the budget – except acquisitions.
2. All required copies of the application and supporting documents are included. (25 points)
3. All required questions have been answered and the project is well-defined/described. (25 points)
4. Cost estimates are reasonable and do not include ineligible items. (25 points)

### B. Utilization of Funds & Fiscal Administration (100 points)

1. New applicant – ability to maintain adequate financial records (100 points)
2. A history of good turnover of funds and completing their projects on time. (100 points)
3. Marginal record (50 points)
4. Poor utilization – holds funds too long – poor accounting practices (25 points)

### C. Availability of Other Sources of Funding (100 points)

Is the applicant eligible for other (federal or state) matching fund opportunities?

1. No other qualifying matching funds, the applicant has dedicated funding in place to match the grant. (100 points)
2. Applicant provides <50% cash match from other sources or in-kind. (75 points)
3. 100% of matching funds are from other sources or the project is eligible for grants from other grant programs that are better suited to the project. (25 points)
4. The sources of matching funds are not identified or 100% of the matching funds are from donations and the letters of support and commitment are not included. (0 points)

### D. State Responsibility (100 points)

Points are awarded if the State of Utah has an obligation to the federal government to complete a usable facility.

1. Necessary for a usable project and state responsibility (100 points)
2. Completion of a partial development or phased project (50 points)
3. Project is unrelated to any state responsibility (0 points)

**II. MAGNITUDE OF LOSS: 300 points total**

- A. High importance and critical timing (300 points)
- B. Important and timely (200 points)
- C. Timing is not critical (100 points)

**III. MEETING IDENTIFIED OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS**

**(2019 SCORP): 400 points total**

- A. Based on local or regional needs assessment the project provides:
  - 1. For the most favored new facilities (200 points)
  - 2. For the most favored improved facilities (150 points)
- B. Relation of this project to similar facilities in the immediate area (150 points)
  - 1. No such facilities within a reasonable distance (150 points)
  - 2. Present facilities are inadequate (not due to O & M) (100 points)
  - 3. Facilities adequate, but the project would enhance the program (75 points)
  - 4. Other facilities are capable of handling the use (50 points)
  - 5. Facilities are inadequate due to poor O & M (25 points)
- C. The sponsor has furnished a current survey, needs assessment, or formally approved master plan (50 points)

**IV. SITE LOCATION (in relation to the area served): 200 points total**

- A. The location relative to main user groups (100 points)
  - 1. Excellent (100 points)
  - 2. Very Good (75 points)
  - 3. Good (50 points)
  - 4. Fair (25 points)
  - 5. Poor (0 points)
- B. Adequacy of access to the site (100 points)
  - 1. Excellent (100 points)
  - 2. Very Good (75 points)
  - 3. Good (50 points)
  - 4. Fair (25 points)
  - 5. Poor (0 points)

**V. SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS: 250 points total**

- A. Recreation public served by the project (100 points)
  - 1. All age groups, genders, and socio-economic groups (100 points)
  - 2. Some, but not all diversified groups (50 points)
  - 3. Few diversified groups (25 points)
- B. Population growth factor, based on the 2010 census unless 2020 is available.  
(1 point for each percent of increase – 100 points maximum)
- C. Non-resident and resident tourist use – economic benefit  
Favoring projects that have secondary benefits from tourism (50 points)
  - 1. Major tourism benefit (50 points)
  - 2. Substantial tourism benefit (40 points)
  - 3. Medium tourism benefit (30 points)
  - 4. Minor benefit (10 points)

**VI. PLANNING, DESIGN, AND FACILITY MAINTENANCE:**

250 points total

- A. Applicant has demonstrated a recreation activity and facility maintenance program that is:
  - 1. Excellent (*100 points*)
  - 2. Very good (*75 points*)
  - 3. Good (*50 points*)
  - 4. Fair (*25 points*)
  - 5. Poor (*0 points*)
- B. The project is innovative and unique in design, activity, or use of the site.  
(*100 points*)
  - 1. Highly innovative or unique (*100 points*)
  - 2. Somewhat innovative or unique (*75 points*)
  - 3. Functional facility (*50 points*)
  - 4. Limited design or use of the site (*25 points*)
  - 5. Poor design or use of the site (*0 points*)
- C. Seasonal activities - (*50 points*)  
Favoring expanded recreation opportunity – extended, normal, or limited hours;  
extended season based on multiple uses.