



2024 SB 275 City Park Improvements Fund \$7.5 M



New Mexico

Department of Finance
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Enhancing New Mexico's City Parks





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Governor Michelle Lujan's message on funding the 2024 SB275 projects.

"Sound investment of public funds is essential for the State's economic growth, protection of New Mexico's natural resources, and the quality of life of New Mexico communities."

CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS FUND (CPIF)

“City parks are vital components of a healthy and vibrant community. They offer a wide range of benefits, from fostering social connections and promoting physical activity to improving environmental well-being and boosting local economies.”

City Park Improvements Fund (CPIF) Policies

- Purpose
- Eligibility
- Application And Criteria
- Project Categories
- Implementation
- Reporting

CPIF INTRODUCTION

- SB275 Signed in to Law on March 6, 2024
- \$7.5 Million for City Park Improvements
- DFA will oversee the Administration of the City Park Improvement Fund program.
- Application Opens August 5, 2024
- Submission Deadline August 30, 2024
- Reversion date June 30, 2028



Over 450 city parks within the city of Albuquerque.

II. PURPOSE

The CPIF aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of city park facilities across New Mexico. By supporting these improvements, the program strives to:



III. Eligibility

The CPIF program is open to the following entities within the state of New Mexico:

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Tribal Governments
- Special Districts

IV. APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicants for CPIF funding must submit a proposal that adheres to the following criteria:



Project Description:

A detailed description of the planned park improvements, including the specific needs the project addresses and the anticipated benefits for the community.



Project Timeline:

A well-defined timeline outlining the project phases, from planning and design to construction and completion.



Budget:

A comprehensive budget breakdown detailing project costs, funding sources (including any matching funds), and a sustainable maintenance plan.



Environmental Considerations:

Entities are encouraged the use of environmentally friendly practices such as water conservation, native landscaping, and energy-efficient lighting.

Entities will be required to comply with state and federal environmental regulations throughout the planning, construction, and maintenance phases.

IV. APPLICATION CRITERIA (cont.)



Public Engagement: A demonstration of community involvement in the planning process, including details on how the project aligns with community needs and preferences.

Entities will be required to conduct public hearings and engage local residents in the planning and design phases of park improvements.

Entities will be required to provide regular updates and maintain transparency regarding project timelines, budgets, and any potential changes in scope.

Entities are encouraged to establish mechanisms for public feedback and input throughout the project lifecycle.



Project Sustainability: A plan outlining how the completed project will be maintained and sustained over the long term.



Beautification: Beautification of city parks and rural communities is an investment in the well-being of residents and the vibrancy of these spaces. By enhancing these areas, we create inviting places that encourage recreation, community connection, and economic growth.

Improved well-being: Attractive parks and communities provide spaces for relaxation, exercise, and social interaction, leading to a healthier and happier population.

Stronger communities: Beautification projects often involve community members, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in their surroundings.

Economic benefits: Well-maintained parks and attractive communities can attract residents, businesses, and tourism, boosting the local economy.

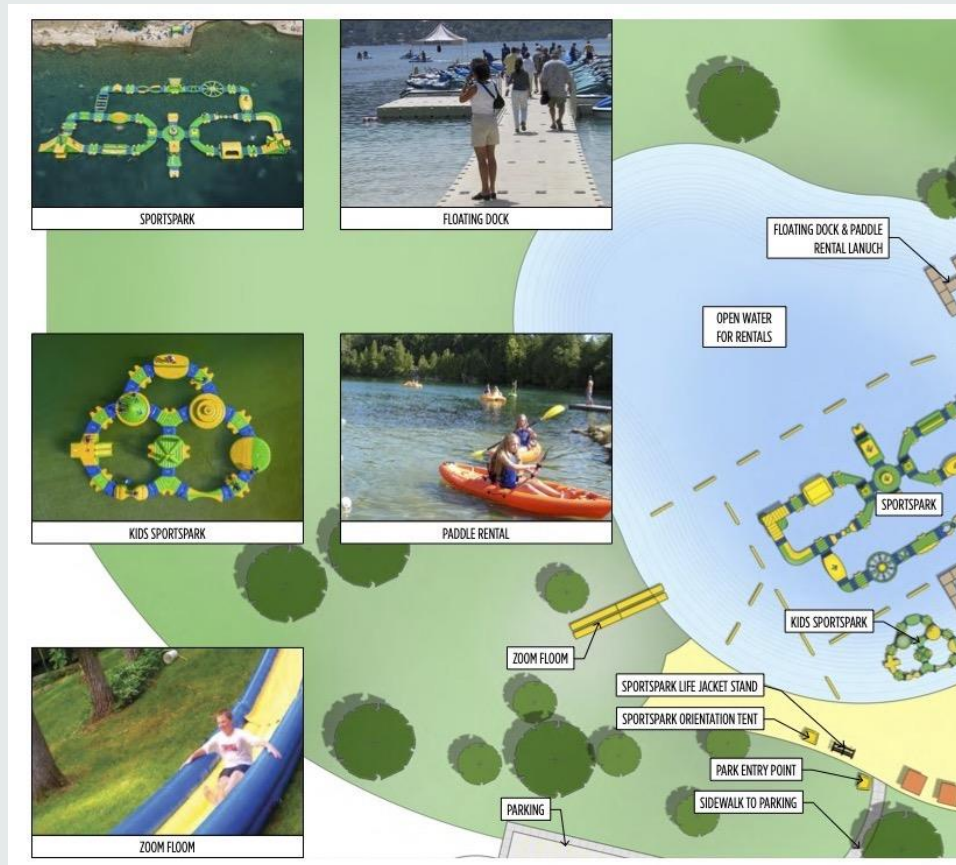
I. PROJECT CATEGORIES

Some suggested project types that may be particularly well-suited for CPIF funding include:

- Construction of new playgrounds, sports fields, or walking/biking trails.
- Renovation of existing park facilities, such as picnic shelters, restrooms, or community centers.
- Accessibility improvements to ensure parks are inclusive for people with disabilities.
- Improvements to park safety features, such as lighting or security measures.
- Acquisition of additional parkland for the benefit of the community.
- Sustainable park infrastructure projects, such as water conservation features or energy-efficient lighting.



I. IMPLEMENTATION



- The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) is designated as the administrator of the Fund.
- The DFA will establish a process for application review and grant selection.
- This process may involve the creation of a review committee with expertise in park planning, development, and administration.

I. REPORTING



Recipients of grants from the Fund will be required to submit quarterly reports to the DFA detailing the progress of their projects. These reports will include information on project expenditures, completion timelines, and any challenges encountered. A final report will also be required, including photographs of the project.

- Entities will be required to conduct post-project evaluations to assess the impact and effectiveness of funded park improvements.
- A final report providing outcomes, including usage statistics, community satisfaction surveys, and any economic or social benefits realized from the investments will be required



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