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**Bredesen Awards \$3.5 Million in Parks and Recreation Grants**  
*50 Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grants Announced Today*

**NASHVILLE** - Governor Phil Bredesen and Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke today announced more than \$3.5 million in Local Parks and Recreation Fund grants will be awarded to recipients across Tennessee.

“Recreational facilities are set aside for the enjoyment of our state’s citizens and visitors alike,” said Bredesen. “These grants will enhance and expand outstanding recreational projects like parks, community centers, ballfields and playgrounds. I’m pleased we are in a position to grant these 50 awards and thank the Tennessee General Assembly for helping make this effort possible.”

The Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant program was established by the General Assembly in 1991 to provide local governments with funds to purchase land for parks, natural areas, greenways and recreational facilities. The funds also may be used for development of trails and projects in parks, natural areas and greenways. All LPRF grants require a 50 percent match by the recipient. The Governor proposed, and the General Assembly, approved re-establishing the LPRF grant program in this year’s budget using a portion of the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

“These investments in our local communities help improve the quality of life for all Tennesseans,” said Fyke. “This round of awards will fund exciting projects across the state. From land acquisitions for new municipal parks, to renovating and improving existing facilities, LPRF grants help expand recreational opportunities for Tennessee citizens.”

Grant recipients were selected through a scoring process with careful consideration given to the projects that met the selection criteria and expressed the greatest local recreation need. To learn more about the LPRF grant program and other recreation or conservation-based grant programs available in the future, please visit [www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/grants.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/grants.shtml).

A complete list of the grants announced today follows and also is available on the department’s Web site at <https://news.tennesseeanytime.org/node/6037>.

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County	Recipient Organization	Grant Amount	Brief Project Description
Anderson	City of Lake City	\$28,000	<b>George Templin Park</b> - Construct a new playground.
Anderson	City of Norris	\$18,500	<b>Ridgeway Commons</b> - Purchase and install playground equipment.
Bedford	City of Shelbyville	\$10,000	<b>Purdy Court Park</b> - Construct ADA-accessible playground.
Bradley	City of Cleveland	\$110,000	<b>Kenneth Tinsley Recreation Center</b> - Renovate existing playground and restrooms to meet ADA standards and replace playground equipment.
Campbell	City of LaFollette	\$12,000	<b>Liberty Park</b> - Install pool, add splash park features, and purchase and install playground equipment.
Carroll	Carroll County	\$190,000	<b>New Development</b> - Develop a community track, park and trails facility that encompasses 17.5 acres, with plans to designate acreage to parking, restrooms, track and field events, bike trails, and a picnic area for Bethel University students and the citizens of Carroll County.
Carroll	Carroll County /Town of Huntingdon	\$190,000	<b>Carroll County Lake</b> - Construct a playground facility, beaches, pavilion, restroom and concessions facilities located at the Carroll County Lake Visitor's Center.
Chester	City of Henderson	\$100,000	<b>Gene Record Memorial Park</b> - Improve drainage and parking conditions and provide ADA accessible parking.
Cocke	City of Newport	\$73,000	<b>Newport City Park</b> - Install a rubber liner in the existing swimming pool, repair and resurface existing tennis courts and basketball court, and replace all fencing around the upgraded courts.
Coffee	City of Manchester	\$135,000	<b>Boyer/May Property</b> - Construct eight-foot-wide greenway from Waite Street Bridge along the Little Duck River through the newly acquired Boyer/May property.
Dyer	City of Dyersburg	\$100,000	<b>Bruce Center, Dyersburg Activity Center, Okeena Park and Kiwanis Park</b> - Replace gym floor, install swim platforms, install shade shelters at playground and wading pool, and install picnic shelter and playground equipment.
Gibson	Town of Rutherford	\$14,000	<b>Jones Volunteer Park and Rutherford City Pool</b> - Install new playground structure and convert the chlorine filtration system to a salt-water filtration system; install sprinkler system and improve bathrooms.
Gibson	City of Trenton	\$26,000	<b>Trenton Downtown Pedestrian Park</b> - Purchase property to create a permanent park within Trenton's downtown. Renovate and further develop the park with an urban feel to include a pedestrian plaza and performance area.
Giles	City of Pulaski	\$154,000	<b>Richland Park</b> - Replace ball field lights, fencing, concession stand/restrooms, bleachers and improve drainage.
Grundy	City of Monteagle	\$20,000	<b>City Ball Park</b> - Add new playground equipment, fencing, bleachers, lighting and a new soccer/practice field.
Hamilton	City of Collegedale	\$48,000	<b>Wolftever Creek Greenway</b> - Build a playground, pavilion and restroom.
Hamilton	Hamilton County	\$120,000	<b>Shackleford Ridge Park</b> - Construct ball fields pavilion with concessions, restrooms and maintenance facilities.
Hamilton	Town of Signal Mountain	\$82,500	<b>Town Municipal Swimming Pool</b> - Rehabilitate main pool and deck; renovate wading pool and restroom.
Haywood	Haywood County	\$22,000	<b>Volunteer Park</b> - Resurface existing playground.
Henderson	Henderson County	\$6,000	<b>Darden Community Center Park</b> - Resurface gravel parking lot.
Henderson	Town of Sardis	\$20,000	<b>Sardis City Park</b> - Replacement of existing playground equipment; and resurfacing / replacing fence at existing basketball and tennis courts.
Henry	City of Paris	\$44,000	<b>McNeill Park</b> - Construct a restroom/concession building.
Hickman	Town of Centerville	\$10,000	<b>C.A. Thompson Memorial Park</b> - Remove and replace some of the existing playground equipment.
Knox	Knox County Parks & Recreation	\$120,000	<b>Clayton Park</b> - Develop 11 acres at park, including a combination pavilion/restroom sited on a concrete plaza, rock base, furnishings, and a walking trail that will be connected to the community's greenway network.

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Marshall	Marshall County	\$11,000	<b>Berlin Springs</b> - Construct a pavilion.
Maury	City of Spring Hill	\$100,000	<b>Spring Hill Skate Park</b> - Develop a skate park on Walnut Street.
Maury	Maury County Parks & Recreation	\$100,000	<b>Maury County Park</b> - Replacement of lighting on three Little League baseball fields.
McMinn	City of Athens	\$150,000	<b>Market Park and Knight Park</b> - Construct steel gazebo at Knight Park. Construct an ADA-compliant restroom facility at Market Park including ramps, parking, paving, flatwork and fencing.
McNairy	City of Selmer	\$26,000	<b>Selmer City Park</b> - Replace play areas with wood fiber mulch and plastic borders; make play areas ADA compliant and replace playground equipment.
Montgomery	City of Clarksville	\$145,000	<b>New Development</b> - 10-acre property to be donated to city for a park. Specific amenities to include site preparations, enhance road/loop, parking areas, signage, picnic areas, restrooms and trail development.
Morgan	City of Sunbright	\$60,000	<b>Sunbright City Park</b> - Purchase and install ADA-accessible playground equipment and ADA-accessible bathroom near playground. Play equipment will include a play station and a combination ADA-swing set.
Obion	Town of Hornbeak	\$17,000	<b>Hornbeak City Park</b> - Install a play structure unit, bench and border by railroad ties and wood chips.
Obion	Town of Obion	\$17,000	<b>Obion Indian Park</b> - Develop a playground bordered by railroad ties with wood chips for the play surface.
Roane	City of Kingston	\$68,000	<b>Kingston City Park / South West Point Park</b> - Replace playground equipment, construct new play area and walk to make restroom area ADA accessible.
Rutherford	City of Murfreesboro	\$150,000	<b>Old Fort Park</b> - Renovate the Kids Castle playground, small shelter and additional picnic areas.
Sevier	City of Gatlinburg	\$25,000	<b>Herbert Holt Park</b> - Replace existing 15-year-old playground equipment with updated ADA-compliant equipment.
Sevier	City of Sevierville	\$70,000	<b>City Park</b> - Resurface existing tennis courts, replace fencing, rehabilitate basketball courts and pave pedestrian areas.
Sevier	Town of Pittman Center	\$25,000	<b>Pittman Center City Hall Park</b> - Develop a playground area, including equipment, new walkway, playground surfacing and signage.
Shelby	City of Germantown	\$150,000	<b>Dogwood Park</b> - New "River Delta" play structure, picnic furnishings, native plant landscaping, signage and nature/environmental educational stations.
Shelby	City of Lakeland	\$94,000	<b>International Harvester Clubhouse</b> - Renovate restrooms to ADA standards, remove bar area and build classroom, refurbish / convert kitchen, placement of two windows, convert metal door to glass, connect a gas line to the clubhouse and add a deck to the south end of the building.
Sullivan	City of Kingsport	\$131,000	<b>Lynn View</b> - Installation of lighting system for the athletic field at Lynn View Community Center.
Sumner	City of Millersville	\$60,000	<b>Millersville Municipal Park and Playground</b> - Playground facilities.
Sumner	City of Portland	\$45,000	<b>Richland Park</b> - ADA-compliant restroom.
Washington	Town of Jonesborough	\$145,000	<b>Persimmon Ridge Park</b> - Development of a walkway trail from Persimmon Ridge Park to a large residential area north of US-11E; and construction of a pavilion and playground area. Improvements to existing athletic facilities.
Weakley	City of Martin	\$100,000	<b>Martin Festival Park</b> - Develop a mini-park, construct an ADA-accessible spray fountain and gazebo, and install pedestrian lighting and park benches.
Williamson	City of Franklin	\$65,000	<b>Jim Warren Park and Liberty Park</b> - Refurbish existing tennis courts, add ADA safety surface to playground, and provide shade protection.
Williamson	City of Fairview	\$72,500	<b>Bowie Nature Park</b> - Construct paved trail, and boardwalk and concrete trails.
Williamson	Williamson County	\$42,500	<b>Strahl Street Park</b> - Update playground and extend shelter area; install ADA water fountain and add grills and picnic tables.
Wilson	City of Lebanon	\$40,000	<b>Don Fox Community Park</b> - Clean, recoat and repair playground equipment.
Wilson	City of Mt. Juliet	\$25,000	<b>Charlie Daniels Park</b> - Replacement of Planet Playground equipment, resurface walkway and place utilities underground.

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