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Allocations of nearly \$10 million in recreation grants-in-aid for which States and territories may apply under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The grants-in-aid allocations are the first announced under the new Act. To take advantage of the allocations, States or territories must match them in equal amounts. The money can be used for planning, acquiring, and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities for public use.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund derives its revenues from sale of the new \$7 Federal Recreation/Conservation Sticker, other Federal outdoor recreation fees, the Federal motorboat fuels tax, and proceeds from the sale of Federal surplus real property.

"These grants-in-aid mark an important day in the annals of conservation," Secretary Udall declared. "Money which Congress has appropriated for this purpose will help the Nation meet its increasing demands for outdoor recreation opportunities."

Apportionments from the Fund to the States and territories is based on 40 percent of the amount available being divided equally among the States and the rest on population, Federal resources and programs, and other factors.

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act; States may request money for comprehensive outdoor recreation planning needed to qualify for acquisition and development grants. After such plans have been accepted, States must submit proposals for individual projects before grants-in-aid are actually made for the acquisition and development.

Allocations announced by Secretary Udall today are from \$16,000,000 appropriated by the Congress for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1965. Of this amount, \$10,375,000 is available for State recreation purposes, the remainder for Federal purposes.

Approximately one million dollars of the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been retained by the Department of the Interior as a State contingency reserve.

The allocations will remain available to the States for qualifying projects through June 30, 1967. The President's 1966 budget requests appropriations of \$75 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for State outdoor recreation projects. Congress has not completed action on that request.

The money available currently has been apportioned among the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States, as follows:

Alabama	\$167,256	Maine	\$110,366	Pennsylvania	\$391,206
Alaska	92,744	Maryland	174,509	Rhode Island	108,950
Arizona	131,045	Massachusetts	233,710	South Carolina	142,290

Arkansas	126,190	Michigan	303,662	South Dakota	110,390
California	528,346	Minnesota	183,119	Tennessee	169,421
Colorado	139,657	Mississippi	130,517	Texas	388,162
Connecticut	158,972	Missouri	201,423	Utah	113,825
Delaware	95,784	Montana	117,070	Vermont	92,687
Florida	227,005	Nebraska	129,580	Virginia	182,094
Georgia	176,581	Nevada	96,341	Washington	159,786
Hawaii	102,698	New Hampshire	97,463	West Virginia	123,049
Idaho	102,069	New Jersey	276,128	Wisconsin	194,669
Illinois	378,725	New Mexico	121,097	Wyoming	103,065
Indiana	210,277	New York	601,610	District of Columbia	24,798
Iowa	157,868	North Carolina	183,264	Puerto Rico	59,181
Kansas	144,709	North Dakota	107,267	Virgin Islands	786
Kentucky	146,422	Ohio	357,056	Guam	1,476
Louisiana	177,705	Oklahoma	147,345	American Samoa	526
		Oregon	135,559		

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