



A Brief Guide To: Other Federal Agency Match

Legal Basis:

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (Public Law 88-578, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 4601-10 et seq.)

LWCF Manual Citations:

Chapter 3.A.7

“Assistance from other agencies. Project proposals submitted to the NPS for LWCF assistance may also be submitted to other public agencies for aid. The state or local matching share of an LWCF project may consist of other federal financial assistance only where the statutory provisions of the subsequent federal grants program explicitly allows recipients to use such assistance to match LWCF funds (see Chapter 5.A.5). The LWCF application to NPS must describe any financial assistance from other federal programs associated with the project, whether serving as a financial match to LWCF funds, or providing support outside of the LWCF project scope.”

Chapter 5.A.5

“Federal matching and supplemental programs. Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act prohibits the use of other federal financial assistance to pay the state or local matching share of a LWCF grant. However, in those instances where the statutory provisions of a subsequent federal grant-in-aid program explicitly allow recipients to use such assistance to match LWCF funds as in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act. Section 6(f)(1) of the LWCF Act is superseded and a matching arrangement is permissible.”

Synopsis:

Without an express authorization from congress LWCF grants cannot be used to match or to supplement grants made by other Federal agencies and grants from other Federal programs cannot be used to match or supplement LWCF grants. However, in those instances where the statutory provisions of a subsequent federal grant-in-aid program explicitly allow recipients to use such assistance to match LWCF funds, a matching arrangement is permissible.

At the present time there are two Federal grant programs that can be used as a match for the LWCF program.

1. Community Development Block Grants
2. Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act