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Community Outdoor-Outreach Program (CO-OP)

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KEY FACTS

♦ **Agency:**
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

♦ **Award Information:**
Applications open mid October - February 1

♦ **Award Date Range:**
Awards announced May 1

♦ **Application:**
https://bit.ly/2EG4Qy4
Guide: https://bit.ly/2IKfiIJ

♦ **Current Program Funds:**
Total Funds Per Cycle: $850,000
Max Funds Per Applicant: $50,000

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PURPOSE

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) is authorized by the Texas State Legislature in Chapter 24 of the Parks and Wildlife Code. CO-OP is funded in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) appropriation budget as a specialized component of the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program (TRPA). The TRPA was established by an act of the 73rd State Legislature in 1993, through House Bill 706. TRPA replaced the Texas Local Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Fund which existed from 1979 to 1993. Funds are derived from a dedicated portion of the state sales tax collected on sporting goods. Appropriated funds are determined by the Texas legislature in the budgeting process and vary each biennium.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations introducing non-traditional constituents to TPWD related outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education programs. Organizations must be a tax-exempt organization which includes non-profit organizations, school districts, universities, state agencies, local government and churches. Religious groups are eligible only if the project scope is for non-religious activities.
Each applicant must submit their Federal Tax Identification Number, System for Award Management (SAM) Cage code, and DUNS number as part of the CO-OP Application Form. Previous CO-OP Grant recipients can apply once every two years as long as all their grant award has been closed.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible activities consist of: Archery, backpacking/hiking, birding/wildlife viewing, camping, canoeing/kayaking/SUP/boating, caving, cultural resource exploration, environmental/outdoor education, equestrian, fishing/angling, hunting, mountain biking, nature photography, orienteering/geocaching, outdoor cooking, rock climbing/rappelling, shooting sports

FIGURES

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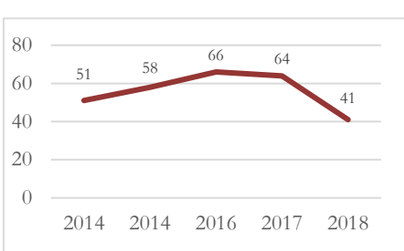

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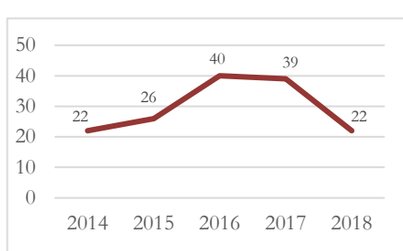

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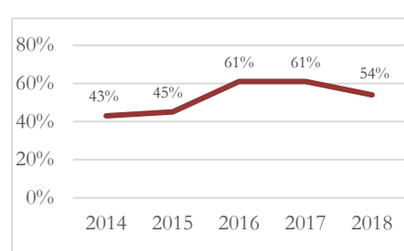

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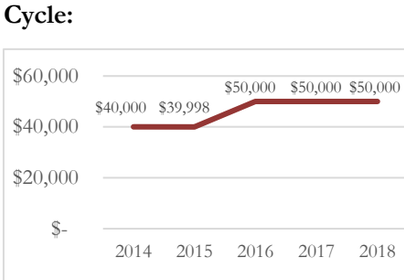

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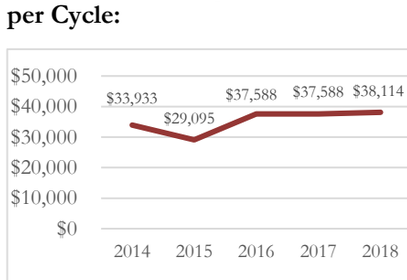
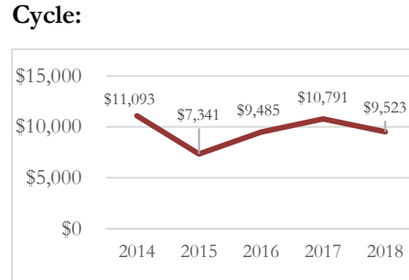
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