

2026 VA LWCF Preapplication Scoring Criteria

Category	Value	Reviewer Notes	Score
Project Need (Questions 23 and 24) - User demand or overcrowding - Threat of development, disrepair, or safety concerns - Protection of significant natural, scenic, and/or cultural resources - ConserveVA, DCR Recreation Access Models, and/or ParkServe need	0-10		
Expanding Access (Question 25) - Underserved geographic area and/or user group - Recreation for all - New types of recreation and/or programming	0-10		
Partnerships and Collaboration (Question 26) - Public input - Partnerships and community involvement - Local and regional plan alignment	0-10		
Long-Term Resiliency (Question 27) - Longevity and durability of design and materials - Ecological resilience features - Strength of operation and maintenance plans	0-10		
Project Readiness and Implementation (Questions 28-30) - Realistic and comprehensive budget - Matching fund availability - Feasible and detailed schedule - Design completeness - Project readiness and ability to meet grant timelines	0-20		
Application Preparation Completeness, organization, and level of detail	0-5		
Maximum	65	Total	

Additional Comments: