



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
www.dnr.illinois.gov

JB Pritzker, Governor
Colleen Callahan, Director

MEMORANDUM

REGARDING DCEO'S FAST TRACK GRANTS AS MATCH

In response to inquiries about the potential use of the DCEO Fast Track grant as match to recently awarded OSLAD grants, it is the position of the IDNR that this is not a good match source for an OSLAD grant. This determination was made based on the criteria DCEO has laid out in their Fast Track program. Some of that criteria is as follows:

- There can be no prior incurred costs with the DCEO grant including A/E work.
- No changes to the project can be made or costs incurred prior to the issuance of a fully executed grant agreement
- The grant agreement could take up to 90 days to be issued. This would cause a delay in OSLAD projects being able to begin since the DCEO project cannot begin until that grant is fully executed. OSLAD grantees cannot delay the start of their project expecting to be allowed to extend the IDNR OSLAD grant to fulfill their responsibility to DCEO.
- The DCEO projects must meet their bondability guidelines. IDNR does not consider outdoor recreation such as playgrounds, splashpads, athletic fields, exercise equipment, etc. as bondable.
- It is not the responsibility of IDNR to determine project eligibility under another agency's grant program nor to determine if another grant is being used correctly.

For more information on the DCEO Fast Track grant program, please use the link below to access their website.

DCEO website:

https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/CommunityInfrastructure/Pages/RebuildIllinois_Programs.aspx

DCEO email: ceo.ocd@illinois.gov