Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program provides grant funds to local governments and nonprofit environmental organizations to acquire conservation lands, urban open spaces, parks and greenways.

General Information
- Application cycles are held as Florida Forever funds are appropriated by the Florida Legislature.
- Small local governments and cities with a population of 10,000 or less, small counties with a population of 75,000 or less, and nonprofit organizations qualify for a 100 percent grant.
- A local match is required of all other applicants.
- Maximum grant award amount is $5,000,000 per application.
- Land identified for acquisition can be pre-acquired so long as the closing was within 24 months of the application cycle.
- All project sites shall be open to the public.
- Title to lands acquired stays with the grant recipient with a "reverter" to the BOT to protect the interests of the state.

Project Evaluation Criteria (as it relates to FEGN)
- Is the Project Site adjacent to existing publicly-owned conservation or recreation lands?
- Is the Project Site adjacent to publicly-owned lands, excluding road right-of-ways, that contain a Recreational Trail that connects to an existing local, regional or statewide land-based Recreational Trail System or lands that are located within the Preferred Routing Corridor of the Florida National Scenic Trail?
- Is the Project Site adjacent to publicly-owned lands that expand a local, regional or statewide Ecological Corridor?
- Does seventy percent of the Project Site contain predominantly Natural Communities that have not been impacted by human disturbance or alteration?
- Does the Project Site contain Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species?
- Does the Project Site contain a Locally Significant Natural Area as identified by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory?
- Does the Project Site contain critical habitat typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and is the site located in a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission?
- Does the Project Site contain land that will be managed in cooperation with Florida Forest Service’s Forest Stewardship Program?
- Does the Project Site contain priority habitat as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and managed in cooperation with FWCC’s Landowner Assistance Program?
- Will the Project Site improve the quality of surface waters or address current flooding problems occurring on, adjacent or in close proximity to the Project Site in a park-like or natural setting?
- Will acquiring the Project Site protect an adjacent Outstanding Florida Water, as designated by the Department of Environmental Protection?
- Will acquiring the Project Site protect adjacent Class I Waters, as identified by the Department of Environmental Protection?
- Is all or portion of the Project Site located in a Coastal High Hazard Area or a 100-year flood plain?