



2025 CPRP/E Grant Opportunity



The board of directors has approved investing in members who wish to become NRPA Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) or Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE). Grants are up to \$460.00 per person with a completion deadline of May 31, 2026. Total grant funding is \$3,000 which will expire June 30, 2026. Candidates or their department will make the initial investment with IPRA reimbursing once the exam is taken.

Grants will be awarded based on first come-first filled with an initial deadline of **Friday, August 29, 2025. Recipients will be notified by September 12, 2025.**

Application forms are now available!

IPRA will reimburse the recipient or the department once the exam is completed and proof of payment from NRPA.

The Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Attaining the CPRP designation shows that you have met education and experience qualifications and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation.

The CPRP exam is 150 questions (125 scored, 25 unscored pretest) and covers five core competencies: Operations, Programming, Human Resources, Finance and Communication. The exam includes a set of unscored sample questions to familiarize candidates with the structure.

The computer-based exam is administered through PSI Services Professional Testing Company and is available at testing centers across the U.S. and internationally. There are five Iowa locations. Applicants will have one year from the time of registration to take the exam. But in the case of this IPRA grant opportunity, candidates must take the exam no later than May 31, 2026. To prepare for the exam, applicants are highly encouraged to review the CPRP Candidate Handbook. *Exam results are provided on-site at the conclusion of the exam.*

[Click here to view the CPRP candidates handbook](#)

[Click here to review the CPRP eligibility requirements](#)

The Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) establishes a national standard for managerial, administrative, and executive parks and recreation professionals. This mastery-level credential focuses on the practical knowledge and current real-world skills necessary in today's changing park and recreation environment.

The CPRE exam is 150 questions (125 scored, 25 unscored pretest) and covers five core competencies: Communication, Finance, Human Resources, Operations, Planning & Policy. The exam includes a set of unscored sample questions to familiarize candidates with the structure.

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Note - candidates who successfully complete the exam are responsible for renewing their certification.

For additional questions, please contact Kelly Johnson Rose - Kelly@iapra.org

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Submit grant applications to Kelly@iapra.org

