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 DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to award Recreational Trails Program grants to the 17 organizations listed on the attached sheet (vendor codes included) in the total amount of \$801,474.86 for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail related safety and educational projects, effective upon Governor and Council approval through the dates listed on the attached sheet. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account, Nat'l Recreational Trails Fund, as follows:

03-035-035-351510-37770000-074-500585-Grants for Public Assistance and Relief

FY 2025
 \$801,474.86

EXPLANATION

The Recreational Trails Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of the program is to allocate funds to the States for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail related safety and educational projects.

The Attorney General's Office has reviewed and approved each grant as to form, substance and execution.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Director

Concurred,

Sarah L. Stewart
 Commissioner

FY-24 (Project B) Recreational Trails Program Community Grants

Grant #	Sponsor/Applicant	Project Name	Town	Grant Amount	20% Match	Total Project cost with minimum match
24-01	Baker River Valley SMC	2024 Trail Paver II Drag Purchase	Multiple	\$38,188.33	\$9,547.08	\$47,735.41
24-03	PowderMill SMC	Devil's Den Trail Maintenance	New Durham	\$13,080.00	\$3,270.00	\$16,350.00
24-05	Milan Trail Huggers	Success Trails Rebuild	Success	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
24-06	North Country ATV	Bog Trail Resurfacing	Stratford	\$41,886.00	\$10,471.50	\$52,357.50
24-08	Stratford Nighthawks	Bog Trail & Stratford Notch Trail Brushing	Stratford	\$29,079.37	\$7,269.84	\$36,349.21
24-11	Dalton Ridge Runners	DRR Parking Lots	Dalton	\$37,719.00	\$9,429.75	\$47,148.75
24-12	Cross NH Adventure Trail	Presidential Rail Trail Restoration	Randolph & Jefferson	\$41,204.00	\$10,301.00	\$51,505.00
24-13	Town of Marlborough	CRT Marlborough - Phase 1	Marlborough	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
24-14	Friends of the Northern Rail Trail	Boscawen Extension Phase 2	Boscawen	\$56,365.46	\$14,091.37	\$70,456.83
24-15	County of Cheshire	CRT Surry - Westmoreland Phase 2	Surry & Westmoreland	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
24-16	Randolph Mountain Club	Lowe's Path	Randolph	\$31,048.00	\$7,762.00	\$38,810.00
24-17	Society for the Protection of NH Forests	Dublin Trail: Restoration on Monadnock	Dublin	\$24,921.28	\$6,230.32	\$31,151.60
24-18	The Nature Conservancy	Green Hills Preserve	Conway	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$75,000.00
24-19	Town of Peterborough	Peterborough Common Path Rehabilitation	Peterborough	\$10,580.40	\$2,645.10	\$13,225.50
24-20	Audubon Society of NH	All Persons Trail: Massabesic Nature Center	Auburn	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
24-22	Atkinson Conservation Commission	Slade Town Forest Accessible Project Phase 2	Atkinson	\$61,804.00	\$15,451.00	\$77,255.00
24-24	Bedford Conservation Commission	Marston-Dunlap Area Parking & Trailhead	Bedford	\$35,599.02	\$8,899.76	\$44,498.78

Total for Community Projects: **\$801,474.86** \$200,368.72 \$1,001,843.58

FY-24 (Project B) Recreational Trails Program Department Grants

Grant #	Sponsor/Applicant	Project Name	Town	Grant Amount	20% Match	Total Project cost with minimum match
24-TB1	Trails Bureau	Administration	N/A	\$88,756.00	\$22,189.00	\$110,945.00
24-TB2	Trails Bureau	equipment purchasing		\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00
24-TB3	Trails Bureau	Education Materials		\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
24-TB4	Trails Bureau	Redecking	State-wide, but primarily rail trail corridors.	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$75,000.00
24-TB5	Trails Bureau	Gravel		\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$37,500.00
24-TB6	Trails Bureau: D1	Ammonoosuc Rail Trail removal - final upgrades	Littleton	\$104,034.14	\$26,008.54	\$130,042.68
24-TB7	Trails Bureau: D1	Jericho S.P. Maintenance	Berlin	\$110,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$137,500.00
24-TB8	Trails Bureau: D3	Corridor 11 Reroute	Franconia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24-DP1	Division of Parks & Rec	Monadnock Deferred Maintenance	Jaffrey	\$27,600.00	\$6,900.00	\$34,500.00
24-DP2	Division of Parks & Rec	Crawford Notch Deferred Maintenance	Hart's Location	\$18,400.00	\$4,600.00	\$23,000.00

Total for Department Projects: **\$453,790.14** \$113,447.54 \$567,237.68

Total Pledged Match:

Total for Projects B: **\$1,255,265.00** **\$313,816.25** **\$1,569,081.25**

Fiscal Year 2024 (Project B) Projects

Community Projects				
Grant #	Grantee	Project Name	Town	Project Description
24-01	Baker River Valley SMC	2024 Trail Paver II Drag Purchase	Multiple	Project is the purchase of a 2024 Trail Paver II Drag and Merrill Limb Masher brushing equipment. The equipment will be used to maintain the clubs 85 miles of trail throughout Grafton County in conjunction with the club-owned Tucker Groomer. RTP funds: Purchase of Drag and Brushing equipment. MATCH: Club funds
24-03	PowderMill SMC	Devil's Den Trail Maintenance	New Durham	Project is the general maintenance of 5.9 miles of multi-season, multi-use trail in the Devil's Den area of New Durham . This includes addressing erosion control issues, clearing ditches, hardening slopes, and repairing water bars. The project also includes excavator mounted mowing/pruning work. RTP Funds: Gravel, Excavator, dozer, dumper, and loader rentals MATCH: Volunteer Labor, use of club UTV for material/volunteer transport
24-05	Milan Trail Huggers	Success Trails Rebuild	Success	Project is broken into 7 Areas, for a total of 5.31 miles of the Success trail system in Success . The project will consist of brushing both sides of the trail in Areas 1,6, and 7 (Success Pond Rd, Boys Rd, Alder Pond Rd.). Areas 2,3,4, and 5 (Corridor A-1) will be rebuilt by removing rocks, widening the trail from 12' to 15', installing ditching where needed, and applying clay gravel. Hay bales will be placed to slow water flow into ditches and grass seed will be spread. RTP Funds: Excavator/Dozer and Brush cutter rentals, clay gravel, grass seed, hay bales MATCH: Volunteer labor, cash/ GIA
24-06	North Country ATV	Bog Trail Resurfacing	Stratford	Project is to resurface 9420 feet of Bog Trail in Stratford . An excavator will be used to remove large rocks and frost heaves as well as to clear and restore ditch lines to ensure proper runoff/drainage diversion. A bulldozer will be used to broadcast gravel, and a track dumper is necessary to haul gravel to remote areas of the trail inaccessible by dozer. Trail will also be crowned to shed water. Project is necessary for the safety of trail users. RTP Funds: Rentals of Truck/trailer, excavator, dozer, tracked dumper, grader dump truck. Gravel, fabricated waterbars. MATCH: Volunteer/Donation, GIA
24-08	Stratford Nighthawks	Bog Trail & Stratford Notch Trail Brushing	Stratford	Project is to brush along the sides of the approximately 2 mile Bog Trail and 4.4 mile Stratford Notch Trail in Stratford using an excavator and mounted brushing attachment. RTP Funds: Excavator with brushing attachment and truck/trailer rentals. MATCH: Volunteer labor
24-11	Dalton Ridge Runners	DRR Parking Lots	Dalton	Project is to construct two parking lots, an upper and lower, adjacent to the DRR club house in Dalton. The upper lot will be dedicated to parking for the clubhouse while the lower lot will be designed specifically for trail users to park vehicles and trailers. RTP Funds: Excavator, bulldozer, dumptruck, gravel MATCH: Excavator operator, Volunteer Labor
24-12	Cross NH Adventure Trail	Presidential Rail Trail Restoration	Randolph & Jefferson	Project is to restore proper drainage and surface conditions on a 6.4 mile section of the PRRT located in the towns of Randolph and Jefferson . The proposed work includes clearing ditches and existing culverts of debris, grading and crowning trail surface, replace 1 broken plastic culvert, repair/reset 3 existing culverts, fix 2 small sinkholes, and fill sections of rail bed that are low and ponding water. RTP Funds: Rentals - Excavator & operator, Roller & operator, truck. Culverts, silt fencing, ledgepack. MATCH: cash, volunteer labor
24-13	Town of Marlborough	CRT Marlborough - Phase 1	Marlborough	Project is general maintenance along the approximately 2.8 miles of the Cheshire Rail Trail in Marlborough . The project will clear drainage ditches and culverts, remove trees less than 3" DBH from trail surface and drainage ditches, clear brush and mow overgrowth of trail canopy and sides. RTP Funds: equipment rentals, fill material. MATCH: Volunteer labor.
24-14	Friends of the Northern Rail Trail	Boscawen Extension Phase 2	Boscawen	Project will convert approx. 800 feet of abandoned Northern Railroad into hard pack stone dust trail surface and create a 40' x 200' stone dust parking lot on River Road in Boscawen . Rails will be removed by NH Bureau of Rail and Transit Certified Contractor, and a bridge inspection and capacity rating will be conducted on the bridge accessing the island. Two 12-foot wide lockable gates will be positioned at the North and South abutments of the bridge. RTP Funds: contracted labor (rail removal, trail construction), equipment rentals (excavator, truck/trailer, skid-steer, compactor, dump truck, paver), 3/8th stone dust, gates, bridge inspection, shoreline permit application/fee. MATCH: cash
24-15	County of Cheshire	CRT Surry-Westmoreland - Phase 2	Surry & Westmoreland	Project is general maintenance/improvement in continuation of previous years work along a roughly 7 mile stretch of the Cheshire Rail Trail in Westmoreland-Surry . The project will primarily consist of brushing and ditch clearing with some small tree removal limited to within the trail footprint/ditchlines. Fill will be used to create trail foundation and fill in low areas as needed. These improvements are aimed to address severe drainage issues which are leading to safety concerns. RTP Funds: Equipment rentals (excavator, grading bucket, flail mower dump truck, compactor), fill material, tree service contract, fuel for equipment. MATCH: Volunteer labor

24-16	Randolph Mountain Club	Lowe's Path	Randolph	Project is to improve the condition of the existing trail, which was originally constructed in 1876. The two worksites, are contained within a 0.6 mile section of Lowe's Path in Randolph . These worksites have reached a point of deterioration that hikers wander off of the trails creating herd paths through the surrounding forest. Site L1 will involve replacing 3 rotted bog-bridges with step stones which will be quarries and cable-hoisted to the site. Site L2 will consist of hardening the main herd path with a pinned rock staircase along with retention on the downhill side of the staircase. RTP Funds: RMC trailbuilding crew, steel pinning rods MATCH: RMC Field Supervisor Labor
24-17	Society for the Protection of NH Forests	Dublin Trail: Restoration on Monadnock	Dublin	Project is to address erosion issues along a 500 foot section of the Dublin Trail in Monadnock State Park in Dublin . The primary work site (Site 1) will address a significant erosion gully by stabilizing and rebuilding the existing staircase, adding edge stones, install 4-6 additional steps with edge stones, and add 9-11 stone check steps and back filling them with crushed rock and mineral soil. Site 2 is a steep, rocky, and hazardous section of trail that has widened due to avoidance of this ledge. Existing stones will be rearranged in the center of the trail encouraging users to remain on this route, check steps will be added to prevent further erosion, and a waterbar will be added to reduce water washing over slippery tread. Site 3 will repair existing check steps and a waterbar will be rebuilt. RTP Funds: Conservation Qualified Youth Corps Crew MATCH: SPNHF Staff Labor
24-18	The Nature Conservancy	Green Hills Preserve	Conway	Project is to rehabilitate and reroute approximately 1500' of trail within the Green Hills Preserve in North Conway . The first project area will be the relocation of approx 400' of the Black Cap connector , creating a more sustainable trail alignment. Minimal tree removal, all under 6" DBH. Stumps and rocks will be removed and a bench cut trail w/reverse grade drainage will be established. The second project area will be the relocation of approx 1100' of the Peaked Mtn/Middle Mtn Connector to a more sustainable trail alignment. Minimal tree removal, all under 6" DBH. Stumps and rocks will be removed and a bench cut trail w/reverse grade drainage will be established. The old section of trail will be filled in with debris, closed off at either end, and allowed to naturalize. The lower portion of the Peaked Mtn/Middle Mtn Connector is in need of 25-30 rock stairs, 20-25 stone check dams, 3-4 drainage structures, and general tread improvements. Stone will be harvested on-site. RTP Funds: AMC Trail Crew MATCH: Paid Labor(hard match)
24-19	Town of Peterborough	Peterborough Common Path Rehabilitation	Peterborough	Project is maintenance of approx 5000' of the Common Path trail system in Peterborough , to ensure those with mobility impairments can continue use and preserve ADA compliance. The project will utilize town DPW labor to place 391 yards of Pave Pac gravel and a third-party contractor to do tree trimming/removal of hazard trees. RTP Funds: DPW Staff labor, gravel MATCH: Cash
24-20	Audubon Society of NH	All Persons Trail: Massabesic Nature Center	Auburn	Project is to upgrade the Forest, Grassland, Garden, and Pond Loop trail at the Masebesic Nature Center in Auburn to be universally accessible. The project will upgrade approximately 2,725 feet of trail surface with the addition of rough cobblestone and 3/4" gravel at a depth of 6-8". The surface will be slightly crowned to even runoff and be topped with stone dust to improve the finished smoothness. Geotextile will be installed as a barrier between native soil and tread material. Will replace raised trail platform with a slightly wider wooden structure. A mini excavator will be used to remove 6" of the existing topsoil/roots/rocks. RTP Funds: Trail Building Contractor: Labor, materials, equipment MATCH: cash
24-22	Atkinson Conservation Commission	Slade Town Forest Accessible Project Phase 2	Atkinson	Project is Phase 2 of a multi-phase project to create a Universally Accessible Trail system in the Slade Town Forest in Atkinson . The project includes upgrading 4 trail segments totalling 2,650 linear feet of trail to a 6-foot wide universally accessible compacted surface, and reconstructing the existing parking area to accessible grades with a new surface . Project work will consist of clearing/rough excavation of trail and lot base, excavation to rehab eroded sections, construction of a retaining wall, construct drainage features, installation of geotextile fabric, crushed stone & fabric tree cushions over live roots, spread, grade, and compact stone dust to a compacted depth of 6" and width of 6', finish sides of trail to 3' out to restore natural look. RTP Funds: contracted labor for trail/parking lot work, some engineering work, environmental impact study MATCH: cash, volunteer labor
24-24	Bedford Conservation Commission	Marston-Dunlap Area Parking & Trailhead	Bedford	Project is to construct a 10-space parking area with handicapped parking and a turnout for future accessible amenities such as picnic tables, a bid watching blind, or interpretive panels in the Marston-Dunlap Conservation area in Bedford . Project will include installation of silt fence & sediment logs to prevent sediment from leaving site, clearing area, excavation of area to a depth of 18" to create a stable base then brought to acceptable grade, recycled asphalt will be placed as the final surface. Once final grading is complete loam will be placed and seeded on the side embankments. RTP Funds: construction contractor, final design @ 10% of contract cost MATCH: cash, volunteer labor, PA time, engineering, materials- traffic cones & signs.

Department of Natural And Cultural Resources Projects

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24-TB1	Trails Bureau	Administration	N/A	Administration of RTP: salary & benefits for RTP coordinator, travel for NOHVAA, ISC, STAM & USFS meetings, miscellaneous administration costs. MATCH: Bureau of Trails Chief & Deputy Chief's paid time managing the RTP throughout the entire year. Max RTP amount: \$88,756
24-TB2	Trails Bureau	Equipment Purchasing	N/A	Purchasing equipment for trail maintenance. MATCH: BOT funds/cash
24-TB3	Trails Bureau	Education materials	N/A	Printed materials for education. MAX RTP amount: \$63,397.
24-TB5	Trails Bureau	Redecking	Statewide but primarily Rail Trails	Redecking various bridges across NH DNCR lands. Replacement of bridge decking, stringers, railings and hardware on existing bridges where needed. Installation and replacement of trail sign posts statewide as needed. Split this into Dist 1 \$10K, Dist 2 \$10K, Dist 3 \$10K. MATCH: BOT employee/volunteers.
24-TB6	Trails Bureau	Gravel		Gravel for erosion control on rail lines and DNCR properties. Split this into Dist 1 \$10K, Dist 2 \$10K, Dist 3 \$10K MATCH: BOT employee/volunteers.
24-TB7	Trails Bureau: D1	Rail Removal	Ammonoosuc	Continuation of removal of rails & ties on Ammonoosuc Rail Line from Industrial Rd in Littleton to (close to) Wing Rd in Bethlehem. Already removed rails and ties from Industrial Park Rd to (almost) Wing Rd with previous RTP projects. This project phase will focus on grading, adding gravel and compacting it to create a smooth stable surface. RTP Funds: gravel, roller. MATCH: BOT employee/volunteers.
24-TB8	Trails Bureau: D1	Jericho S.P. Maintenance	Gorham	Jericho Mountain State Park in Berlin general ATV trail maintenance . Gravel installation, ditch line cleaning, reset culverts and erosion control to existing roads. RTP Funds: Machine rentals for maintenance. New culverts possible, gravel purchase possible. MATCH: BOT employees/machine use.
24-TB9	Trails Bureau: D1	Corridor 11 reroute	Lincoln	Corridor 11 reroute continuation built for snowmobile use primarily with incidental other uses allowed.
24-DP1	Division of Parks & Rec	Monadnock Deferred Maintenance	Jaffrey	General trail maintenance by hiring qualified youth crews (3 SCA hitches) for Mt. Monadnock State Park . RTP Funds: SCA hitches. MATCH: Park ops (cash). Need DLMT?
24-DP2	Division of Parks & Rec	Crawford Notch deferred Maintenance	Hart's Location	General trail maintenance by hiring qualified youth crews (2 SCA hitches) Crawford Notch State Park . RTP Funds: SCA hitches. MATCH: Park ops (cash). Need DLMT?