Recreational Trails Program (RTP)



















Attendance to one workshop per grant year is required to submit an application.



Agenda Items

- **Introduction**
- Application Overview
- Grant Contracts
- Reimbursement
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- Questions



What is the RTP?

- Federal assistance program funded from federal gas taxes paid on fuel for off highway use (Title 23 U.S.C. Chapter 2, § 206)
- Authorized by the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs act of November 2021
 - 5-year bill: RTP has funds until 2026
 - Administered nationally by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Administered locally by the NH Trails Bureau (BOT)
 - In NH: a highly competitive grant program which seeks quality public trail projects



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Who can apply (sponsor a project) for RTP funds?

- Private organizations*
- Non-profit organizations*
- Educational Institution*

- Municipalities
- State agencies
- Federal agencies

*must be registered with NH Secretary of State's Office

Approved grants will be posted on Bureau of Trails website & reported to Federal Highway Administration



Eligible Projects: FHWA Categories

- A: Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- B: Development & rehabilitation of trailside/trailhead facilities/linkages
- C: Purchase and lease of trail maintenance equipment

- D: Construction of new trails
- G: Educational projects for safety and/or environmental protection



Ineligible Projects



- Project Planning*
- Feasibility studies
- Project Administration
- Construction of paths or sidewalks along or adjacent to public roads
- Small power/hand tools: chainsaws, drills, hammers, etc.

- Projects that are in progress when the grant is awarded
- Projects completed prior to the grant being awarded
- For profit trail systems that charge a user fee
- Paving of trails

*in order to be reimbursed: must be done after FHWA approval Only 10% allowed of total project amount

Past RTP funding

- In 2021 \$719,000+
- In 2022 \$733,000+
- In 2023 \$670,000+
- In 2024 \$886,000+
- Federal apportionments must be divided as follows:
 - 30% for Motorized Trail Projects
 - 30% for Non-Motorized Projects
 - 40% for Diversified Projects

Grant \$ Available

- Motorized
- Non-Motorized
- Diversified



Identifying Trail Users

- You must identify the <u>permitted and primary</u> users of the trail for both summer and winter.
- Proposals will be placed into either the Motorized, Non-Motorized or Diversified user category (as determined by the Trails Bureau and/or the grant selection committee).
- Applications will be scored against other applications <u>within</u> each user category.

Motorized Trail Projects



Trails for primary use of:

- Snowmobiles
- Trail bikes
- All terrain vehicles
- Utility terrain vehicles
- Off Highway Recreational Vehicles

Non-Motorized Projects

Includes trails for, but not limited to:

- Hikers
- Joggers/runners
- X-country skiers
- Cyclists
- Equestrians
- Mushers
- Skijorers



Diversified Trail Projects

For trails that are open to <u>both</u>
 motorized and non-motorized uses





Funding Projects

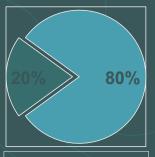
- RTP grants are given to good projects, not for creative grant writing: & applications should always be complete!
- Don't put your eggs all in one basket: remember this is a <u>highly</u> competitive program

(HAVE ALTERNATIVES)

Funding Projects

- RTP grants are available for amounts between \$8,000 & \$80,000 for A,B,C,D,E projects
 - Minimum Total Project Cost for A,B,C,D,E categories: \$10,000
- RTP Grants for G (education) projects between \$3,000-\$10,000
 - Minimum Total Project Cost for G category: \$3,750
- Maximum of 2 applications/organization/grant year
 - Total RTP funding not to exceed \$80,000 per applicant
- Maximum RTP share for any project is \$80% or \$80,000 (whichever comes first) of the <u>Total Project Cost</u>
- Minimum of 20% must be pledged as Match
- 20% Match is of <u>Total Project Cost Value</u> (Not 20% of granted amount)

TOTAL PROJECT



RTP (80% or \$80,000, whichever comes first)

Procurement Requirements

	Minimum of three (3) quotes from separate vendors required*	Sole source vendor allowed
Goods/Materials	\$2000 and over per invoice	under \$2000 per invoice, per day (multiple invoices from single vendor with same date that equal \$2000 or greater will not be accepted)
Equipment purchase	\$2000 and over	under \$2000
Service agreements and equipment rentals	\$10,000 and over per total contract	under \$10,000 per total contract, <i>or</i> use of own forces (with justification)

- * Low quote vendor must be used, unless alternate vendor is justified and approved per the following:
- Pre-determined intent to use single vendor citing unique or specialized goods or services
- Best justified value available from vendor other than lowest quote

Procurement Requirements Continued

- An INVOICE is NOT a QUOTE (Please keep them separate)
 - BE AWARE: Additional documentation from contracted services may be requested if the costs are questioned: ex: timecards, receipts, invoices, etc. It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide any and all additional information to RTP coordinator.
- BID vs. QUOTES
 - If your project is put out to bid...
 - Submit the bid docs and all companies solicited to RTP
 - · Document where bid is publicly posted and any advertisement
 - Submit BID TAB & all bid submissions to RTP
- Grantees are encouraged (not required) to obtain quotes for use of:
 - Qualified Youth Conservation or Service Corp
 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: current list of DBE vendors available at www.nh.gov/dot/org/administration/ofc/index.htm





- Qualified Youth Service Corps are defined by Federal Highway Administration, not the Corps Network.
 - This definition is derived from the US Code Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.
 - The definition includes, "fulltime, productive work for individuals between the ages of 16 and 25..."
- When subcontracting to a Youth or Service corps, it is highly recommended to include the language that the subcontractor will provide a Youth or Service Corps as defined by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - Note: youth labor contracts should be reviewed by RTP Coordinator <u>before</u> work starts in order to ensure acceptable language

Procurement Requirements Continued

- Equipment: Grantees agree to retain, and keep in good mechanical condition, any equipment purchased with RTP funding for the useful life of the equipment.
- Disposal or transfer of ownership of said equipment requires written authorization from the Bureau of Trails.
- A percentage of any proceeds received as a result of equipment disposal shall be reimbursed to the State equal to the percentage of the RTP contribution to the original purchase total (unless Fair Market Value < \$5000).</p>
- Grantees must submit an **Annual Equipment Report Form** each year after purchase year for the useful life of the equipment.

Annual Equipment Report Form

- Required after equipment purchase for the useful life of the equipment.
- Disposal or sale of equipment must be authorized by BOT through Dept. of Transportation



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM ANNUAL EQUIPMENT REPORT FORM

Reports are due by to December 31st for the useful life of equipment purchased following grant year purchase as required by the grant contract. Failure to comply may be considered a breach of contract and may affect future grant applications.

Equipment T	ype: Winter Groomer	Present Condition: excellent
	OHRV	good
	Tractor	[fair
	Other:	poor
Make/Model	year manufactured:	_
Year Purchas	ed: Serial	#:
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- On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law (the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, or BIL), which includes the **Build America**, **Buy America Act (BABA)**. Pub. L. No. 117-58.
 - Iron and Steel: All iron and steel permanently incorporated into the project must be produced in the United States.
 - Manufactured Products: All manufactured products permanently incorporated into the project must be produced in the United States.
 - All Construction Materials permanently incorporated into the project must be manufactured in the United States.
 - Construction Materials include an article, material, or supply that is or consists primarily of: **Non-ferrous metals**; **Plastic** and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite build materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); **Glass** (including optic glass); **Lumber**; or **Drywall**.
 - A Certificate of Compliance, conforming to the requirements of Section 106.04, shall be furnished for all above materials, regardless of item category.



- On August 16, 2023 the US Department of Transportation found, based on public comment, that it was in the public interest to issue a waiver of BABA's domestic preferences for iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials under a signal financial assistance award for which:
 - The total value of the non-compliant products is no more than the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 5% of total applicable costs for the project; or
 - The total amount of Federal financial assistance applied to the project through awards or subawards is **below \$500,000**.
 - This waiver is active from 8/16/2023 8/16/2028

Procurement Requirements: Quiz Time!

- I purchased \$1999 worth of material each day for 5 days from the same vendor, do I need quotes?
- I contracted for service (equipment/labor/materials) for \$9000 so I did not obtain quotes, but then they discovered underlying damage and needed to issue a change order for an additional \$2000 do I need quotes?
- No, but DOT really frowns at this practice.
- Unfortunately, yes. Sometimes the project needs to be requoted or hire a separate vendor to stay under the quote limits. This is why we encourage projects to seek quotes if they are close to limits.

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Applications

- Know where your project is (support with maps)
- Who is the landowner? (could be an agency)
- What is your organization like?
- How does the public access your trail project?
- Define your project what do you want to accomplish?

- Define your budget: what do you need to buy?
 - How are you going to match it?
- Who will perform the labor?
- Environmental:
 - Do trees need cutting?
 - Any digging involved?
 - Are you working in wetlands?
 - BMP practices?







- To comply with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) (42 U.S.C. § 4321, Chapter 55)
- ABDEG* applications require a Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) review of threatened & endangered species & natural communities
 - *if installing kiosks
 - If NHB has a "hit", there is a \$25 fee that is not eligible for RTP reimbursement
 - If there is a "hit": **sponsor** is responsible for **providing documentation** showing consultation from: **Natural Heritage Bureau** for guidance on **plants**
 - RTP Coordinator will assist applicants with consultation with NH Fish & Game for guidance on animals listed in NHB review.
 - All project sponsors should be familiar with the 2017 "Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance & Construction" manual
 - (BMP Manual is on Bureau of Trails website)

- NHB Example #1: "We currently have no recorded occurrences for sensitive species near this project area"
- Which means: no known species records but could have potential habitat for federal species.
- NOTE: landowner *requests* are <u>not</u> the same as a *review* and not valid for grants

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau NHB DataCheck Results Letter



From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Date: 5/24/2024 (This letter is valid through 5/24/2025)

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request dated 5/24/2024

Permit Type: rtp grant

NHB ID: NHB24-1646

Applicant:

Location:

Proj. Description: regrading and top coating existing parking lot summer of 2025

The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government. We currently have no recorded occurrences for sensitive species near this project area.

A negative result (no record in our database) does not mean that a sensitive species is not present. Our data can only tell you of known occurrences, based on information gathered by qualified biologists and reported to our office. However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. An on-site survey would provide better information on what species and communities are indeed present.

Based on the information submitted, no further consultation with the NH Fish and Game Department pursuant to Fis 1004 is required.

- W NHB Example #2: "It was determined that, although there was a NHB record present in the vicinity, we do not expect that it will be impacted by the proposed project."
- Which means: state listed species present, but project won't affect them.
- Could have potential habitat for federal species.

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau NHB DataCheck Results Letter



From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau Date: 6/20/2024 (valid until 6/20/2025)

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request submitted 6/11/2024
Permits: NHDES - Seasonal Dock, Trails and Culvert Repair and Replacement Statutory

Permit by Notification (SPN)

VALID ONLY FOR NOTIFICATION OR MINIMUM IMPACT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE NHDES WETLANDS BUREAU

NHB ID: NHB24-1830 Applicant:

Project

Project escription:

Location:

Description: This is trail maintenance 100% on a the former railroad grade of the Concord & Claremont Railroad. The property is described in an easement at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds Book 3390 Pages 1082-1083. It runs along the northeast edge of the named parcel. We will be clearing brush and putting down stone dust for a rail trail surface. Anticipating work to be done between 7/1/25 and 12/31/25. (Applying for a RTP grant)

The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked by staff of the NH Natural Heritage Bureau and/or the NH Nongame and Endangered Species Program for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government.

It was determined that, although there was a NHB record (e.g., rare wildlife, plant, and/or natural community) present in the vicinity, we do not expect that it will be impacted by the proposed project. This determination was made based on the project information submitted via the NHB Datacheck Tool on 6/11/2024 2:43:30 PM, and cannot be used for any other project.

Based on the information submitted, no further consultation with the NH Fish and Game Department pursuant to Fis 1004 is required.

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Division of Forests and Lands (603) 271-2214 fax: 271-6488 DNCR/NHB 172 Pembroke Rd. Concord. NH 03301

- NHB Example #3: There will be records in NHB database indicating "hits" for state listed species.
- Read the comments provided
 - Follow instructions from comments.
 - Unless comments say, "Contact Fish & Game", RTP coordinator will do this on your behalf.
- Could have potential habitat for federal species.



NHB DataCheck Results Letter

NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Please note: maps and NHB record pages are confidential and shall be redacted from public documents

To:



From: NHB Review

NH Natural Heritage Bureau

cc: NHFG Review

Date: 06/18/2024 (valid until 06/18/2025)

le: DataCheck Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau and NH Fish & Game

Permits: GRANT APP - RTP

NHB ID: NHB24-1805

Location:

Project Description: To mechanically brush cut the NHDOT Rail Corridor ROW from the Route-28 Bridge in Ossipee to Route 16 Ossipee. This is known as corridor 19 snowmobile trail for winter use and used by motorized railcars during the warm months. We are seeking to brush cut, an approx 8 mile section of this corridor taking taking 8" trees in circumference and below to improve the safety of the trail. This being done with a rail mounted excavator with a 4' brontosaurus head.

Next Steps for Applicant:

18's database has been searched for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities. Please carefully read a segments and consultation requirements below.

NHB Comments: The Federally-threatened small whorled pogonia is known to occur nearby the proposed project area. This plant is found in openings in forests including along logging trails. Please send NHB representative photos during the growing season of the type of habitat being impacted so we can determine if it could be suitable for this species. Please also indicate what time of year this work would be proposed.

NHFG Comments: Please refer to NHFG consultation requirements below

NHB Consultation

If this NHB DataCheck letter includes records of rare plants and/or natural communities/systems, please contact NHB and provide any requested supplementary materials by emailing <a href="mailto:nhberoism.nh

NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources
Natural Heritage Bureau - Division of Forests and Lands
nhbreview@dncr.nh.gov (603) 271- 2834

- NHB Example #4: If there is a federally-listed plant or animal species, RTP coordinator will aid in consultation.
- Do not call USF&W.

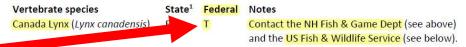
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NHB Database Records:

The following record(s) have been documented in the vicinity of the proposed project. Please see the map and detailed information about the record(s) on the following pages.



¹Codes: "E" = Endangered, "T" = Threatened, "SC" = Special Concern, "--" = an exemplary natural community, or a rare species tracked by NH Natural Heritage that has not yet been added to the official state list.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the most recent report for that occurrence was 20 or more years ago.

For all animal reviews, refer to 'IMPORTANT: NHFG Consultation' section above. Contact for federally-listed animals: Anthony Tur, US FWS, at (603) 223-2541.

<u>Disclaimer</u>: NHB's database can only tell you of <u>known</u> occurrences that have been reported to NHFG/NHB. Known occurrences are based on information gathered by qualified biologists or members of the public, reported to our offices, and verified by NHB/NHFG.

However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. NHB recommends surveys to determine what species/natural communities are present onsite.















- Tree-cutting is limited because of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service protecting the Northern Long-Eared Bat. The US F&WS re-classified the NLEB as "endangered" from "threatened." This took effect March 31, 2023
- As a result, ANY tree removal, trimming, or brushing will have a time-of-year restriction imposed on it.
 - This work CAN NOT BE DONE April 15th October 31st.
- ✓ Your NHB Review will tell you if your project is within ¼ mile of known hibernaculum or 150 feet of a maternity roosting tree.
 - If your NHB review has a "hit" for bats, you may be delayed or denied project funds.
 - Tell BOT if you are <u>cutting/trimming trees or brushing!!</u>





- It is the sponsor's responsibility to obtain any necessary notifications or permits from the Department of Environmental Services (DES): Wetlands Bureau
- December 15, 2019: new wetland rules posted
- FYI: DES will not accept requests for notifications or permits without a Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) review attached
- If you know you need a permit: specify in application (if you're not sure: ask DES. Link on BOT website)



Historic Reviews

- To comply with NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act)(16 U.S.C. § 470f), Granted Projects will be reviewed for adverse effects to historic properties by the **NH Division of Historical Resources** (DHR) through EMMIT+
 - Historic properties includes prehistoric or historic districts, sites, buildings or structures included in or eligible for inclusion in the national Registrar of Historic Places
- Grantee may have to perform additional Phase 1A or 1B surveys if DHR finds impacts. This is at sponsoring organization's cost and not reimbursable by RTP.
- Tell BOT if you are <u>digging!!</u>

Environmental & Historical Reviews: Quiz Time!

- I see a phone number for USF&WS, should I call them?
- I did all my tree brushing in September, I can still get reimbursed correct?
- I performed a Phase 1A survey, can that get reimbursed?

- No, the RTP Coordinator will do so on your behalf through DOT.
- No, because you did not follow the time of year restriction.

No, because it would be required to receive a NEPA clearance well before the contract period.

Additional Application Requirements

- Project Administrator Authorization (on website)
- Budget Detail form in excel format (on website)
- Landowner Permission forms (on website)
- Labelled Topographical map(s) of project area showing contour lines
- Official Trail System Map: <u>label project area</u>
- Color Photos of equipment or project site to purchase
 - LABEL YOUR PHOTOS SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND THEM!!!
 - Minimum of 4 photos no smaller then 8"x10" on regular paper
- Letters of Support (recommended)

Project Administrator Form

- Form located on BOT website to use if person changes throughout grant process
- Must mail in original with dates if wet signature
- Can be electronically signed with watermark & date stamp
- This person will be the contact for RTP coordinator and will sign and date all submitted paperwork
- Include this in <u>ALL</u> applications



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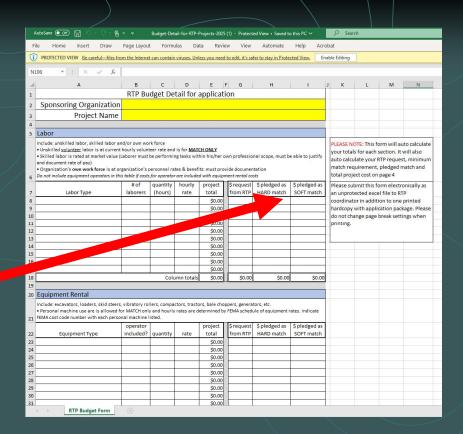
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORIZATION

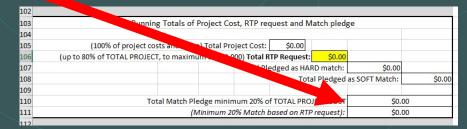
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Project Administrator (type or print full name)	
person is authorized to enter into Recreational	ointed as Recreational Trails Program Project Administrator. This Trails Programs contracts and agreements with the State of New
Hampshire, Bureau of Trails and accept monie contract or agreement.	es granted and received in compliance with the application,
	uthorized to submit billing requests for reimbursement of funds. for compliance with all aspects of the project and shall submit d in the contract or agreement.
I hereby certify that the person named as Proje	ect Administrator, above, is fully authorized to act on behalf of the
(print name of organization):	organization or political
subdivision to submit a grant request for the pr	roject named:
Print Name (person giving project adm authorization on behalf of organization	
Signature (person giving project admin authorization on behalf of organization	
PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR INFOR	MATION: to be filled out by the Project Administrator ONLY
Print Name	Signature (not valid unless signed)
Email (required: prima	ary form of contact with Bureau of Trails)
() Phone (secondary form of o	contact) Alternate phone (if necessary)
Organization Mailing Address	City/Town State Zip Code

Budget Detail

- Form located on BOT website
- Include this with ALL applications
- Splits "hard" vs "soft" match
- Bottom will auto calculate to show match requirements





Landowner Permission Forms

- It is the sponsor's responsibility to obtain any and all landowner permissions prior to submitting application
- Signature can be electronic, but must have date stamp & watermark
- If wet signature: DATED ORIGNAL must be mailed in with hardcopy
- Private Lands: applications will NOT be considered unless landowner has signed PRIVATE landowner permission form
- Public Lands: sponsor will need to contact agency holding deed to land. BOT can assist in determining who to contact. Use the PUBLIC landowner permission form.
 - BOT-owned lands will require Field Supervisor approval
 - Go to town for easement map: they can usually point you in right direction

Landowner Permission Forms

- The Trails Bureau's role as state land managers and as grant managers are operated <u>separately</u>.
- Obtaining a grant for a project on DNCR properties such as NH State Parks, NH State Forests, or State Recreational Rail Trails does not directly translate to obtaining permission to do the work and vice-versa. So...
- ...if you are looking to perform trail projects on DNCR land, you must contact the Bureau of Trails before submitting your application...we will work with you to obtain permission <u>IF</u> you are awarded a grant

Landowner Permission Form: PRIVATE

- Use this form for PRIVATE lands
- Use a new form for each landowner
- Form is *not* valid without landowner's signature & DATE
- Mail <u>original</u> wet signatures with application
- Electronic signatures accepted with date stamp & watermark



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PRIVATE LANDOWNER PERMISSION FORM

This form must be submitted with original signatures to the Bureau of Trails and cannot be reused.

For the purpose of receiving RTP Funding from the Bureau of Trails, any and all projects funded by the RTP on private property must have prior written approval by the landowner or land manager before any work is initiated.

As the landowner, I will allow access to my property for access to trails for the useful life of the federal investment. In the event permission for this trail is revoked within the useful life of the federal investment, as the landowner I give permission to the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails, or their agent, access to my property to remove RTP-funded structures, or portions of, such as bridges and culverts.

Description of useful life of various federal investments:

o 5 years for trail maintenance

Sponsor Organization

- 10 years for new trail construction projects.
- o 25 years for permanent structures such a bridges

Assurance: The Sub-recipient shall assure that the recreational trail shall remain open and available for public use consistent with the recreational trail purpose for the useful life of the investment, which is a minimum of _____ year(s) for this project.

Grant approval by the Bureau of Trails <u>DOES NOT</u> constitute consent by a landowner or land manager for any work to commence

Project Administrator Name:	Date: /	ſ
List the landowner to the private property where t		
f project is on multiple parcels of private land, use a ne		

Print Private Landowner Name:

Signature of Private Landowner:

(Not valid unless signed)

Date:

(Not valid unless dated)

Best method of contact for landowner (ex: phone number w/ area code/mailing address/email address)

Landowner Permission Form: PRIVATE

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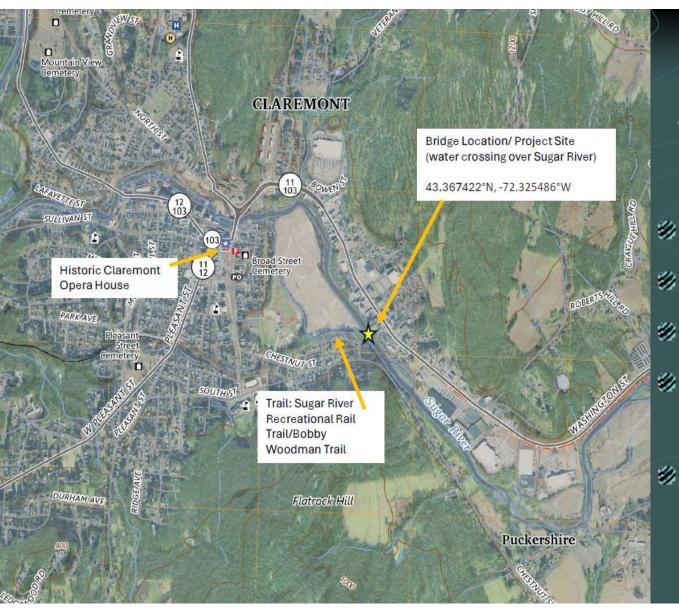


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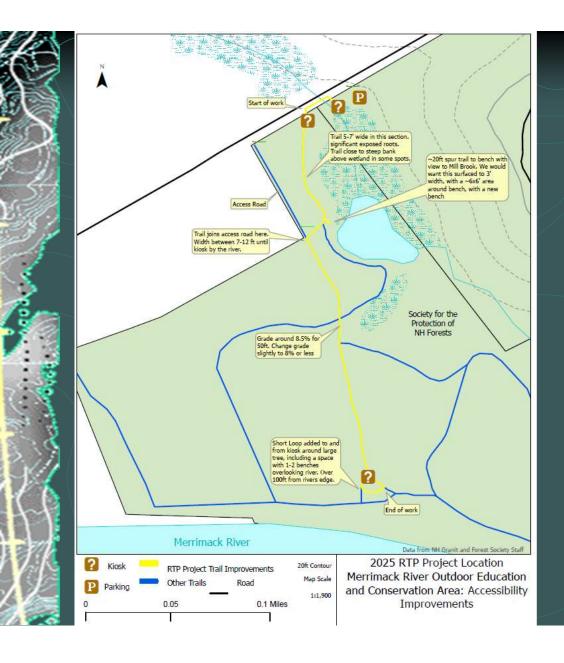
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Contact person for public land/I	ble): land manager: ic land/land manager: I manager (ex: phone number w/ area cod	
	informed land manager of project sco n land manager for work to take place	
Signature (Land Manager):	(Not valid unless signed)	Date:/



Map Example

This is a great map example from a community project

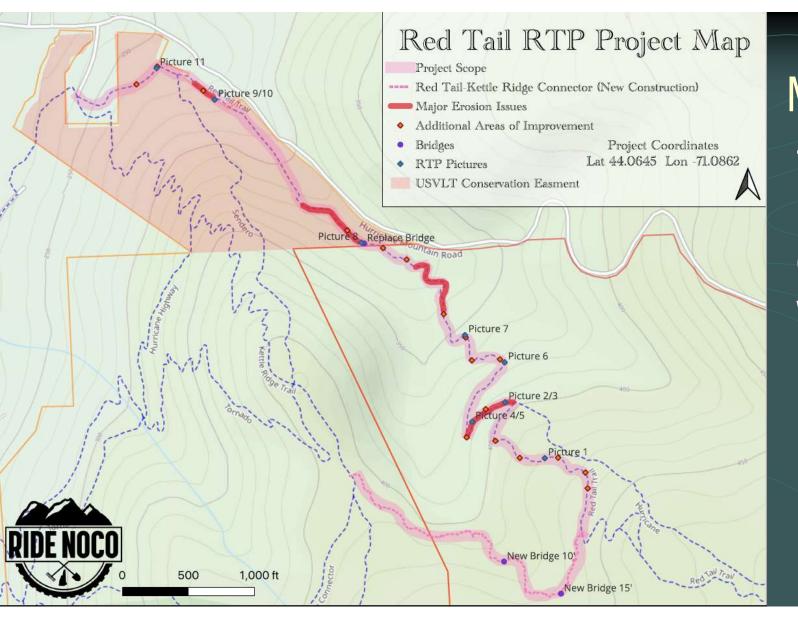
- Color
- Labelled
- Topographic
- Can see surrounding landscape
- GPS points of location



Map Example

This is an excellent map example from a community project

- Color
- Labelled
- Landowners
- Scale bar
- North arrow
- topographic



Map Example

This is a "keyed" map that corresponds with photos

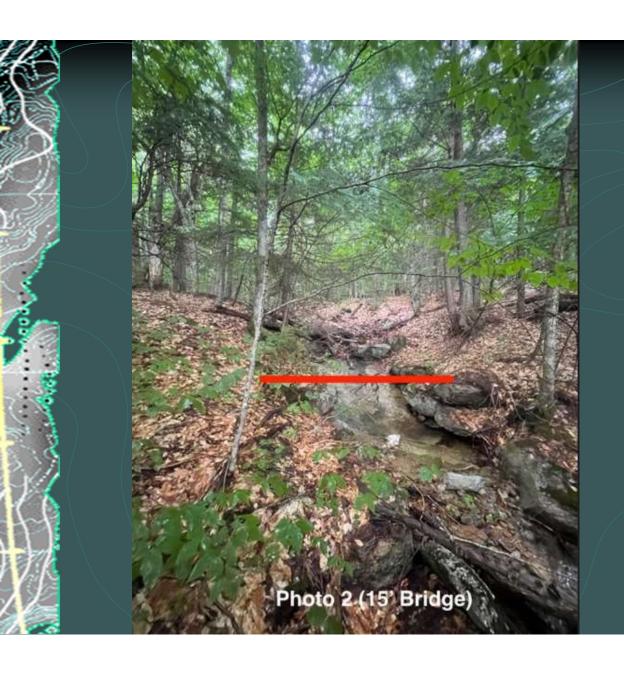


Photo example

This is photo location four from the "keyed" map on previous slide.

A GPS coordinate at every location would make this photo/map combo even better.



Photo Example

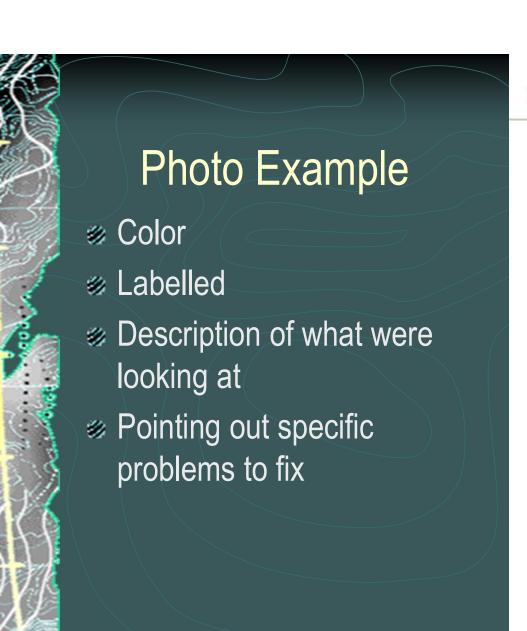
Recent photo of proposed Beaver Brook Bridge, looking south (mockup)

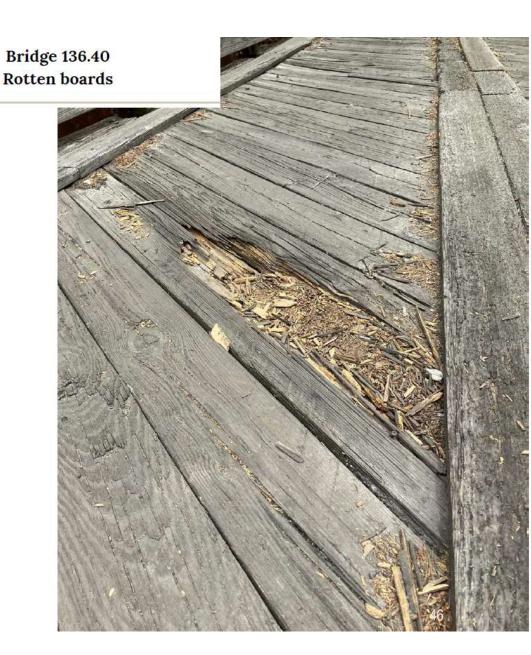


This photo is looking south from the northern bank of Beaver Brook. This depicts the general location of the proposed bridge.

Photo Example

Shows where potential bridge will be placed





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Contract requirements

- UEID #'s & NH Vendor Code
 - must be submitted to receive a contract
- Certificate of good standing send in with contract
 - OHRV clubs & SMC are on file with BOT if participating in GIA program
- Certificate of insurance send in with contract
 - OHRV clubs & SMC are on file with BOT if participating in GIA program
- Certificate of authority send in with contract
 - Must be submitted with every contract for every grantee
 - Only good for 30 days.

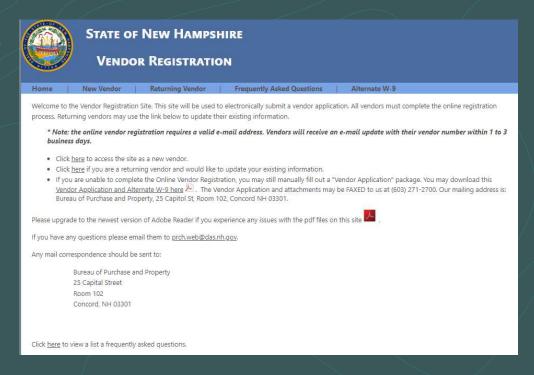




- Recipients of Federal Grant funds are required to register for a UEID through SAM.gov
- This EUID number does not change, once obtained can use same # for all federal funding opportunities.
 - This is a unique identification number used for reporting purposes for all Federal funds' recipients
- Additional resources are available on the RTP website to assist with the registration process.
 - There is a tutorial video available on the SAM.gov website
- This process is free of charge and the registration should be renewed every year that your organization receives Federal funds.

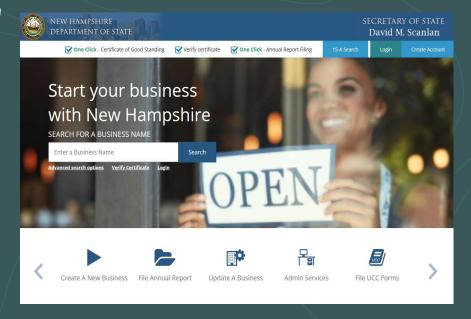
NH State Vendor Code

- Can apply through NH Dept. of Administration
- Send code to coordinator to receive your contract
- Code does not change, once registered can use same code every year



Certificate of Good Standing

- Use NH Quickstart (http://quickstart.sos.nh.gov)
- Submit with <u>Contract</u> not application
- Obtain on or after April 2nd of contract year
- Non-profit certs are good for 5 years
- Municipalities & government agencies are exempt



Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI)

- Submit with <u>Contract</u> not application.
- COI must include:
 - Organization name
 - Current/not expired
 - 1 million general liability/2 million aggregate
 - Indicate if there is workmen's comp or if no employees (N/A)
 - Must include workman's comp if organization has employees
 - Certificate Holder must have Bureau of Trail's full address
 - Additionally insured must be included
- Bureau hold current COIs for snowmobile & OHRV clubs who participate in the GIA program.

COI: Example

- Sponsor name listed (redacted)
- Limits: 1 million general & 2 million aggregate
- Not expired
- Workman's comp is "N/A" because there are no employees in organization
- Full address for DNCR Bureau of Trails



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR REGATIVELY AMEND, EXTERD OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BYTHE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURERS)S, AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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PRODUCER	CONTACT				
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30w, NH 03304	E-MAIL ACCRESS:				
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Corporate Resolution/Certificate of Authority (COA)

- Submit with Contract not application.
- Must be signed (attested) by someone other then person who signs contract (you cannot attest to yourself!)
- Only valid within 30 days of signed contract.
- Wet signature at bottom must be in cursive (an actual signature).
- Electronic signatures are accepted provided they are date stamped with watermark.
- Authorization date (meeting date) must be before the COA & Contract are signed (can't sign contract without being authorized first)

COA: Example 1

- Jim is attesting that David is authorized to sign contract on behalf of the organization
- The meeting date took place before this COA was signed
- The date Jim signed this COA is within 30 days of the contract being signed.
- Jim's signature is **not** printed

Certificate of Authority #1

(Corporation, Non-profit Corporation)

Corporate Resolution

Jim Lerner hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of Hardy Country SMC. I hereby certify the following is a true of a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders, duly called and I am June 26, 2023, at which a quorum of the directors/shareholders were seent and voting.

Votes: That David Lloss, TA (may list more than one person) is duly

anorized to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of

with the State of New Hampshire and any of its agencies and departments and further is authorized to execute any documents which may in his/her judgement to be desirable or necessary to affect the purpose of this vote.

I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended of repealed and remains in full force and effect as the date of the contract to which this certificate is attached. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution. I further certify that it is understood the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person(s) listed above currently occupy the positions(s) indicated and that they have full a bority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitation are expressly stated herein.

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TITLE: Presider

(Title)

COA: Example 2

- Keith is attesting that Jonah is authorized to sign contract on behalf of the organization
- The meeting date took place before this COA was signed
- Keith's signature is digital: has a date stamp and watermark.
- If no date stamp/watermark, then this is not signed electronically and will be rejected by DOJ.

Certificate of Authority #1

(Corporation, Non-profit Corporation)

Corporate Resolution

I, Keith Beausoleil (Name of person attesting) Bridgewater Mountain Snowmobile Club (Name of Club)	hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer
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Votes, That Jonah	(may list more than one person) is duly

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07/06/2023 DATED:	 Keith Beausoleil	Digitally signed by Keith Beausolell Date: 2023.07.06 10:31:16 -04'00'	TITLE:	President
	(Signature of per	son attesting)		(Title)

Penalties for Breeching Contract

- Termination of Grant: Any failure by the Grantee to abide by or carry out any of the terms or conditions of this grant shall, at the discretion of the State, result in termination of this grant, if, after notice to the Grantee, said default is not remedied within ten (10) days. In the event of termination, no further payments shall be made by the State.
- Denial of future RTP funds: failure to comply with any and all terms or conditions of this grant may result in denial of future RTP funds for no less than 2 years from current grant year.

Contract Extensions/Amendments

- These requests must be submitted to BOT in writing and explain the need for this change.
- All requests are on a case-by-case basis for approval. Do not assume they will be approved.
- Any amendment to a contract's amount or extension to the end date must go through the Governor & Council process.
 - This can take up to 2 months to complete.
- A contract amendment/extension will not be considered within 2 months of the contract end date.
- Amendments to a contract's amount are extremely rare for approval as BOT has projects for 100% of the allocated RTP funds.

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Reimbursement: Submission

- RTP Billing Form to be included with every request
- Can put multiple invoices on one bill form
- Project Administrator must sign and date bottom (can be electronic w/ date stamp & watermark)
- Include all invoices with proof of payments
- Must be submitted as hardcopy to BOT HQ



Reimbursement: Submission Continued

- Only incurred costs, or labor completed, within <u>contract period</u> are eligible for reimbursement or match
- Payment is on a reimbursement basis
- Requests for reimbursements to be submitted **quarterly** or within 30 days of incurring costs. Last day to submit: 30 days after contract expires.
- Invoices/Receipts must be <u>itemized</u>, legible & include dates of work
- Copies of cancelled checks (front & back), bank statements showing payment and/or paid-in-full receipts attached along with a progress report
- Eligible items for reimbursement must be included in the original budget proposal
- Any changes in project scope or budget must be pre-approved by the BOT in writing

Reimbursement: Billing Form

- Located on BOT website
- Auto-calculates
- If using <u>skilled labor</u> in billing, must include <u>rate of pay</u>, detailed <u>task log</u> with <u>hours & paystub(s)</u>
- Project administrator must sign & date



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM BILLING FORM

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Grant Administrator:				Invoice #:		
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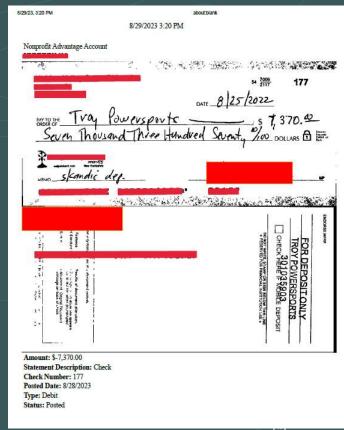
Vendor code

Approved by:

Project Administrator's Signature:	Date:	
Authorized Project Administrator's signature verifies that all contracted work is eligible to receive federal	funds	No subcontractor has been
suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds. SIGNED UNDER PENALTY O	F PER	JURY.

Reimbursement: Proof of Payment

- Checks must be cleared by bank need front and back showing endorsement.
 - Please note the invoice & project # in notes on check
 - Please make check amount match invoice amount (when multiple payments are lumped together on one check, its difficult to match to invoice for reimbursement)
- Credit card receipts are also proof of payment provided the receipt is linked to the itemized invoice.
- Bank statements can be used for proof of payment, but this should not be a default option.



Progress report

- Progress report for every bill.
- Final report with final billing requires color photos of completed project
- Site inspections may be performed by BOT staff
- Project administrator must sign & date



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT FORM

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Reimbursement: Quiz Time!

- What is missing/incorrect from this invoice?
- No date of work performed
- Does not list machines with rates nor materials by unit price.
- Some tasks listed, but not itemized



Invoice

Date	Invoice #	
9/15/2024	3964	



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		Due on receipt	
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A Finance Charge of 1.5% per month (annual rate 18%) will be added to all overdue balances.

Reimbursement: Cash Advances

- Capital/cash advances may be requested/approved on a case-by-case basis
- What to submit to request a cash advance:
 - 1) signed/dated letter from organization on letterhead explaining why advance is needed
 - 2) invoice of what the advance is for
 - 3) recent bank statements showing deficient funds
 - 4) (VARIES) match form showing 20% incurred
- No further reimbursements will occur until cash advance is complete
 - Paid in full invoices/receipt with proof of payment is required to complete project

Reimbursement: Cash Advances Continued

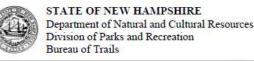
- Some notes about advances...
 - Payments can take time to hit an organizations account, so do not request an advance late into your project.
 - Payments usually have a minimum of 2 weeks turnaround to appear in an organizations account, but can take much longer around holidays.
 - Ideally a minimum of one month before expiration of contract to request last possible advance
 - BOT takes all advance requests on case-by-case basis, do not assume it will be approved. Have alternate plans if not.

Match Requirement

- Match can only be incurred after G&C approval
- Unskilled volunteer labor is at current rate from Independent Sector.
- Skilled volunteer labor is at <u>hourly</u> market rate (with adequate back-up provided)
- Privately owned machine use (including OHRVs) are considered a donation to the project and can be put towards the match requirement
 - The FEMA schedule of equipment rates gives hourly rates for each machine (link on BOT website).
 - Document the time like a volunteer laborer.
- Donated funds & fair market value of materials or services may be pledged
- All match must be accounted for before final payment is reimbursed
 - Match to be submitted with every billing form until 20% is met
- In-kind labor from town or government employees is credited at their wage plus benefits (FICA, fringe)
- Convict labor may be used, but at actual cost of administering agency (cannot be volunteer or donated)
- Other grants as match are eligible (RTP requirements will apply to any other grants used as match)

Match Record

- Auto-fill in/auto calculates
- Use for match other than volunteer labor (including volunteer skilled labor)
- PAID Labor can be put here
 - Need copies of paystubs, work logs & rate of payment
- Project admin must sign & date





RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM MATCH RECORD

Project Administrator:

Attach applicable invoices/receipts/cancelled checks/work force labor records. All receipts/invoices must provide sufficient detail of items/services provided. All match submittals must be accompanied by PROGRESS REPORT FORM. Record unpaid volunteer labor on VOLUNTEER LABOR MATCH RECORD.							
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Volunteer Labor Match Record

- Use for ALL volunteer labor (unskilled & skilled)
 - Record hours for each volunteer by date
- Skilled labor must provide rate of pay
 - Must include work log/timecards, rate of payment
 & paystub from regular paid job
- Privately-owned equipment use must have machine make and model w/ hourly rate
 - Do not assume your equipment is approved
 - Use FEMA equipment rates



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER LABOR MATCH RECORD

Grant #:	Project Administrator:	
Organization:		

Record hours for each volunteer individually by date. Unskilled volunteer labor is currently rated at: \$28.84/hour.
 Skilled volunteer labor is at current market fair rate. Backup documentation must be provided showing rate of pay (usually paysh).

from current employer) or hours will be counted at the current unskilled volunteer labor rate.

This form may be used for personal equipment donation time for match – use <u>FEMA Schedule of Equipment rates</u> for howly
of machines and include the FEMA "cost code" on this form.

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Project Administrator's Signature:	Date: / /
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Match Requirement: Quiz Time!

- Question: our group did site prep last year (before we applied); can we use that time as match?
- Question: I have another grant to match RTP that doesn't require 3 quotes for purchases over \$2000. Do I need to provide quotes for this match money?
- When do I get my money for the volunteer labor I submitted?

- Answer: no, because its outside the contract period.
- Answer: yes, any requirements for RTP reimbursement funds is also required for match funds.
- You don't because it's volunteer and your organization did not incur any costs (same for donated machine use)

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Timeline for Approved Projects

- Work will begin on granted projects Pending FHWA approval (this takes time) & NH Governor & Council approval
- Match may <u>not</u> be applied towards the project until contract period starts
- RTP coordinator will issue a "Notice to Proceed" via email
- All work/match must be completed by:

Contract end date

How to Apply



- Located on our website: www.nhstateparks.org
- Application forms are on the NH State Parks Website, under Trails Bureau, under Grants: Recreational Trails Program
- Applications should be typed/printed
 - Do not use covers/binders or staple
 - Submit copies of completed application
 - 1 Original paper copy + electronic copy
 - Missing information and/or attachments will result in point loss or rejection

Deadline to Submit Application

Applications must be stamped in at the DNCR front desk by...

Friday, May 30, 2025, 4:00 PM

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED!!!

RTP Coordinator for State of NH:

- Brianna.H.Leone@dncr.nh.gov
- **(603) 271-3254**
- 172 Pembroke Rd, Concord, NH 03301

Good Luck!

and remember...



- Call/email if you have questions (seriously)
- Make sure your application is complete
- Label your photos and maps
- Don't miss the deadline

Questions???