Eligible Federal Highway Projects in Order of Priority

- A: Maintenance and restoration of existing trails.
- C: Purchase and lease of trail construction and/or maintenance equipment.
- D: Construction of new trails.
- B: Development and rehabilitation of trailside or trailhead facilities.
- E: Acquisition of easements or property for trails. (not available for FY-2018)
- G: Educational projects for safety and/or environmental protection

Ineligible Projects

- Feasibility studies for projects.
- Planning of projects (some planning allowed: must be < 10% of total project cost).
- Construction of paths or sidewalks adjacent to or along public roads
- Paving of trails
- Purchase of equipment not directly needed for trail project or small power tools
- Projects completed or in progress prior to the grant being awarded.
- Grant administration for projects.
- For-profit trail systems or trail systems that charge a user fee.

Match Requirements

- 20% of project total must be incurred by applicant.
- Can be combination of applied funds, other grants, donated labor, services and/or materials.

Grant Min. and Max

- A, B, C, D, E Projects: Requested RTP Funds is at least $8,000
  at most $80,000 or 80% of the project
- G Projects: Requested RTP Funds is at least $3,000
  at most $10,000 or 80% of the project

Categories

- Non-motorized: Pedestrians, hikers, walkers, skiers, bicycles, equestrians, mushers, snowshoes
- Motorized: Snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, trailbikes, 4X4 vehicles
- Diversified: A combination of motorized and non-motorized users

Current Funding Available for community grants $900,000

- Motorized (30%) $ 270,000
- Non-Motorized (30%) $ 270,000
- Diversified (40%) $ 360,000
Scoring Guidelines for Selection Committee

Organization Overview 3 points maximum

• Description of Organization up to 3 points

Project Description 27 points maximum

• Project Priority up to 11 points
  o (A) Maintenance & Restoration of Existing Trails 11 points
  o (C) Purchase and Lease of Trail Construction or Maintenance Equipment 9 points
  o (D) Construction of New Trails 7 points
  o (B) Development and Rehabilitation of Trailside or Trailhead Facilities 5 points
  o (B) Trail Linkages 3 points
  o (G) Educational projects for safety and/or environmental protection 1 point
• The Demonstrated Need for the Project up to 4 points
• Thorough Description of Planned Work up to 5 points
• Project Timeline up to 2 points
• Project Size, Length/Area up to 2 points
• Identification of all funding and match sources up to 3 points

Environmental Analysis 10 points maximum

• Thorough Environmental Impact Description including permits (if applicable) up to 4 points
• Completed Natural Heritage Bureau Review up to 2 points
• Best Management Practices Reference up to 4 points

Additional Project Attachments 10 points maximum

• All required additional attachments for category selected up to 3 points
• Official Trail Map Included with Project Site Identified 1 point
• Labelled Color Photographs of Project Area or Equipment being Purchased/Leased up to 2 points
• Letters of Support up to 2 points
• Quotes provided up to 2 points

Overview

• The minimum acceptable total score to be considered for RTP funding is 180 points, 60%.
• A perfect score for a panel of 6 people is 300 points (50 points each)