

RTP Scoring Guidelines for Grant Selection

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.
 - Must follow Buy America compliance
- D: Construction of new trails. (private properties may need 10 yr easements)
- B: Development and rehabilitation of trailside or trailhead facilities.
- B: The construction of trail linkages. (private properties may need 10 yr easements)
- ~~E: Acquisition of easements or property for trails.~~ (unavailable until further notice)
- 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

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Application Ranking Guidelines for Selection Committee

Organization Overview

- Preparation by organization in anticipation of funds
 - Match funds secured? (Clear identification of all funds)
 - Are there easements/leases/MOA's for this trail? (Preserving public rights of way)
 - Trail assessment/planning provided/completed?
 - Is there a municipal/regional trail plan that this project addresses?
 - Is this project addressed in an Annual Work plan?

Project Description

- Project Priority in order of importance
 - (A) Maintenance & Restoration of Existing Trails
 - Maintenance longevity planning (are we putting money into the same trail?)
 - (C) Purchase and Lease of Trail Construction or Maintenance Equipment
 - Buy America compliance paperwork included with application?
 - (B) Trail Linkages
 - Easements for new location of rerouted trail?
 - (B) Development and Rehabilitation of Trailside or Trailhead Facilities
 - Kiosk available or being constructed?
 - Bathroom facility available or being created?
 - (D) Construction of New Trails
 - Is there an easement in place for this new trail? (10 year minimum)
 - Is new trail using previously disturbed paths? (skid trails/unofficial paths/corridors)
 - Cutting new trail scores lower unless provided environmental/cultural review that shows this is best course
 - Does trailhead have parking facilities or being created?
 - Plan for how will this new trail be publically promoted?
 - (G) Educational projects for safety and/or environmental protection
- The Demonstrated Need for the Project
 - Does this project address a safety concern?
 - Is this project addressing wetland/erosion (environmental) concerns?
 - Is this project addressing a landowner concern?
- Thorough Description of Planned Work (ex: labor, rentals, materials)
 - If professional engineered designs are necessary for project, are they included with application?
- Is this project on a state owned rail trail? (part of the state rail trail plan?)

Environmental/Historical Analysis

- All environmental/historical compliance ready
 - Clear, written recommendations from NHB and/or Fish & Game.
 - Adverse effects to historic properties addressed.
 - Any and all wetland impacts addressed including any permits.
 - Does this project provide aesthetic/scenic or cultural benefits to users?

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Community Outreach

- Demonstrated community outreach
 - Letters of Support
 - How will it improve accessibility for various user age groups with varying abilities to use trail?
 - Does this project provide universal access for all? If not why?
 - Does this project have ready parking for public access to trail?
 - Is this trail location publically promoted? (website/map/town CC)
 - Does this project plan to utilize qualified youth conservation corps partnerships?
 - Does this project plan to utilize a disadvantaged business enterprises?

Overview

- All qualified projects are ranked highest priority to lowest based on application materials.