

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FEDERAL RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL GRANTS

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ITEMS

Listed below are eligible projects for the Federal Recreational Trails Program grant:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails.
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment.
- Construction of new trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands).
- Acquisition of easements or property for trails.
- Assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance.
- Development and dissemination of publications and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (including supporting non-law enforcement trail safety and trail use monitoring patrol programs, and providing trail-related training) (limited to 5 percent of a State's funds).
- State administrative costs related to this program (limited to 7 percent of a State's funds).

RTP funding may not be used for non-trail related activities such as:

- Development of campgrounds.
- Purchase of picnic tables.
- Landscaping.
- Irrigation system development.
- Law enforcement or similar patrols.

TRAILS CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

See the Trails Construction Guidelines, <http://static.stateparks.utah.gov/docs/trailguidelines.pdf>. All proposed projects must follow these guidelines wherever applicable.

THE PROCESS

In preparation for submitting an application, project proponents are encouraged to contact Chris Haller, (801) 349-0487 chrishaller@utah.gov for guidance and to discuss project details. Chris Haller is the Off-highway Vehicle Coordinator and is also administering the recreation trails program grants.

Submitted trail proposal applications will be reviewed by either the Utah Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council or Utah Recreational Trails Advisory Council. These councils were created by legislation and have been vested with the authority to select the recipients of the federal recreational trails program grants.

TIMELINE

Applications are due and must be in the Utah State Parks and Recreation Salt Lake Office on or before 5 PM, Tuesday May 1, 2012. Late proposals **will not** be accepted.

Please submit trail applications to:

STACY STICKLER
UTAH DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
1594 West North Temple Suite 116
PO Box 146001
Salt Lake City UT 84114-6001

Proposals will be reviewed during the months of May and June. Applicants may be contacted to clarify the details and merits of their proposal. Applicants may also be contacted to arrange on on-site tour of the project for Advisory Council members.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

One completed and signed application must be submitted via US Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc. or hand delivered.

All items listed below under "Application Checklist" must be included in order to be considered for grant funding.

All responses must be provided in space allocated.

Text of responses should be in 11-point Arial font.

Drawings and charts on 8 ½ " X 11 " document, in either portrait or landscape orientation.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION
- MAP of the project for which funding is being requested
- MAP showing location of proposed project in Utah
- PROOF OF RIGHT-OF-WAY where applicable
- PROJECT SCHEDULE/TIMELINE
- DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET
- LETTERS OF SUPPORT
- PHOTOGRAPHS OF PROPOSED PROJECT

FUNDING CAP

Due to the overall level of funding available for grant awards, applicants are requested to limit their total request to no more than \$100,000.



**UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT**

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL APPLICATION



1. Project title: _____
2. Project sponsor: _____
3. Location (nearest town): _____
4. County: _____ 5. Congressional District (circle one): 1 - 2 - 3
6. Project Manager: _____
7. Address: _____
8. Telephone: _____ 9. E-mail: _____
10. Amount of fiscal assistance requested \$ _____
(Up to 50% of total project cost)
11. Total estimated project costs \$ _____
(If awarded funds, the project sponsor is responsible for 100% of project costs until final reimbursement. Federal project sponsors must supply 5% of the total project cost from non-federal sources.)

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I am authorized to sign this application and that the information herein provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I further certify that the applicant has the necessary financial resources to fulfill all obligations relative to this project including the cost of operation and maintenance. I further certify that this application is submitted by an official action of the governing board of the applicant agency.

Signature of Authorized Agent

Title

Date

Project Description

Provide project description. Specify what is to be built. If it is a trail, does the project provide physical connections between resources; does it link existing community or regional trails; does it enhance access to recreational opportunities and/or enable residents to use non-motorized means for exercise or recreation? If it is a facility, specify exactly what is to be built. Address current and projected use of trail or facility by providing visitor statistics, traffic counts, usage numbers, or similar data for the area.

Attach one map of the proposed project and one map of the proposed project's location within the State of Utah.



Is public access guaranteed? YES NO

Project land is owned or controlled by (Check one or more):

City County State Federal Private

If land is owned by other than applicant agency, include copies of leases, easements or other agreements for use of land; or a letter from the landowner specifying that the landowner will permit the project on their land and will execute the appropriate legal document in a timely manner.

Anticipated project starting date: _____ Estimated completion date: _____

Include a copy of the proposed project schedule/timeline.

Will this project replace or enhance any existing developed recreation site? YES NO

Is project pursuant to a current master plan or needs assessment? YES NO

(If yes, give title and date of pertinent plan or assessment and refer to the trail's applicability to the plan in the space below. Please do not attach the master plan.)

A. PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

Fee title purchase Easement

B. TRAIL CONSTRUCTION: (check all that apply and provide relevant details):

New and rehabilitated/relocated trails funded under this program must meet trail construction guidelines to serve the purpose for which the trail is designed and to withstand local weather conditions. Under "Project Description," please specify why applicable guidelines cannot be met.

New trail Tread width _____ Trail length _____

Trail rehabilitation/relocation Tread width _____ Trail length _____

Trail surface material (Describe): _____

Overpass/Underpass Width _____ Length _____

Clearance height to trail surface _____

River/stream crossing New bridge Width _____ Length _____

Purchase of hand tools

Purchase of mechanized equipment (Describe): _____

Describe other trail improvement(s): _____

C. TRAIL HEAD FACILITIES:

New trail head Reconstruction Trail head improvement

Parking area dimensions New restroom (must be ADA accessible)

Drinking water Kiosk Signs

Surface material (Describe): _____

List other trailhead features: _____

Will trailhead be plowed in winter? Yes No

D. TRAIL SIDE FACILITIES:

Warming hut Yurt Shelter

Restroom Benches Kiosk

Water Hitching Rail(s) Corral

Bike rack(s) other: (Describe): _____

E. TRAIL SIGNING:

Route marking Informational Interpretive

Regulatory

(Describe): _____

F. TRAIL INFORMATION:

Is a brochure/map part of the funding request? Yes No

G. TRAIL USES:

Trail uses allowed (check all that apply):

Jogging/hiking Road bicycling Mountain biking

Horseback riding Nordic skiing (cross country)

Rollerblading Skateboarding

Is the trail suitable for disabled users? Yes No

Season(s) trail can be used _____

H. TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

1. Travel routes

Trail/route name(s) and length(s): _____

Work to be done:(Check all that apply):

Repair or replacement of:

- Trail tread / route surface (Feet or Miles) _____
- Brush back vegetation (Feet or Miles) _____
- Stream crossing(s) (Number) _____
- Wet area crossing(s) (Number) _____
- Bridge(s) (Number) _____
- Water diversion structure(s) (Number) _____
- Culvert(s) (Number) _____
- Cattle guard(s) (Number) _____
- Fence (Feet) _____
- Gate(s) (Number) _____
- Switchback repair (Number) _____
- Disturbed area rehabilitation (Sq. or Linear Feet) _____
- Sign(s) (Number) _____
- Clearing of obstruction(s)
(Logs, rocks, etc.) (Miles) _____
- Replacement or repair of
trail blazes, markers & cairns (Number) _____
- Back slope grooming (Feet or Miles) _____
- Retaining walls (Feet) _____
- Other: _____

2. Trail heads

Trail head name(s): _____

3. Work to be done: (Check all that apply):

- Parking surface repair (Sq. Feet) _____
- Parking barriers (Number) _____
- Restroom (Number) _____

Signs (Number) _____

Loading ramps (Number) _____

Culinary water systems (Number) _____

Other: _____

DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF ITEMS CHECKED ABOVE: (Give specific measurements and details of work to be to be accomplished under "Project Description" above. Describe methods to be used; i.e. hand vs. mechanical.)

I. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE TRAIL SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Development and operation of trail safety education program(s)

Development and operation of trails-related environment education program(s)

Production of trail-related educational material(s) (informational displays, in print, video, audio, interactive computer displays, etc.)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS CHECKED: (Give details of problem(s) to be addressed, message(s), curriculum(s), method(s) of delivery, etc., under "Project Description" above.)

J. GIVE EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR YOUR TRAIL PROJECT. In the space below address: (1) how the project is part of a comprehensive plan and/or part of an overall trail network and describe its community, regional, statewide or national significance; (2) volunteer or private sector contributions to the project; (3) support from other groups; cooperation and support among adjoining and/or other affected jurisdictions for your project (such as city to city, city to county, city/county with the Forest Service or BLM, etc.)

K. DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET:

Attach a one-page detailed project budget.

Your budget must include source of project funds. Show sponsor cash, labor and equipment and any donor contributions such as property, cash, labor or equipment. Project expenses should be broken down by category, item, and quantity. Specify items covered by **your** match.

If your budget includes "contingencies," this dollar amount will not be funded by the program and will not be included as part of the 50/50 match.

This is a critical component of the application. The more detailed the better. Total project costs must correlate with item number 10 and 11 on page three of the application.

ESTMATED ANNUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE PROJECT

\$_____.

Who will be responsible for maintenance? _____

L. PAST EXPERIENCE:

Has your organization received RTP or TTP funding in the past? Yes No

If yes, provide list of projects funded within the past 5 years and dollar amounts. For each project, specify whether complete or not complete.

M. LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

Please attach no fewer than 2 and no more than 5 letters of support for the specific project for which funding is being requested. These should include a letter from each of the partners.