

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

Authorization: The 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). NR 50.21.

Budget: Varies yearly; for grants made in 2011, \$2-million.

Objective: To provide funding for both motorized and non-motorized trails through maintenance, restoration, development, and acquisition of trails and trail related facilities.

Eligibility: Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies and incorporated trail organizations.

Level of Assistance: Reimbursement of up to 50% of costs, with a maximum grant amount of \$45,000 for most years.

Priorities:

- Rehabilitation maintenance.
- Trail maintenance.
- Trail development.
- Trail acquisition.

Eligible Types of Projects: Maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. Funding is broken down in three categories; Motorized, Non-motorized, and Multi-Use.

Applications: Applications are available on the CFA web site or through DNR Regional offices and are due by May 1 of each year. They are also included in the Stewardship Local Assistance Program grant book, which is issued annually.

History: Funding for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is provided through federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles.

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