

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

Authorization: Symms national recreational trails fund act of 1991, 16 USC 1261, 1262 and 26 USC 9503(6), 9511 and the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) NR 50.21

Budget: Varies yearly.

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 organizations.

Level of Assistance: Reimbursement of up to 50% of costs (some additional limitations if matched with other federal funds).

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 at DNR Regional offices and are due by May 1 of each year.

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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