

Capital Project Request

2017-19 Biennium

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Project Number: 30000417

Project Title: Recreational Trails Program

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 41

Project Summary

The purpose of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is to provide grants to develop or maintain recreational trails and trailside or trailhead facilities. A competitive grant cycle is held every other year. Funds are allocated annually by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Map-21 (RCW 79A.25).

Project Description

To provide grants to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities for a backcountry experience.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- * Nonprofit organizations;
- * Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- * State agencies;
- * Tribal governments; and
- * Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide 20% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for federal or state agencies, or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

Eligible Projects: Projects funded by this program include the maintenance of recreational trails, development of trail-side and trail-head facilities, construction of new trails, and the operation of environmental education and trail safety programs.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: Federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational nonhighway uses. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration and RCO.

Location

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: See project description for full list of eligible recipients

RCW that establishes grant: RCW 79A.25

Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

Funding

Expenditures

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Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
001-2	General Fund-Federal	25,000,000				5,000,000
	Total	25,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000

Future Fiscal Periods

	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
001-2 General Fund-Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

Narrative

This is a pass through grants program.