

# Outdoor Recreation Grants

## RTP

### Recreational Trail Program (RTP)

is a federal grant program administered by the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of this program is to promote recreational trails of all types (motorized and non-motorized). Funding comes from the portion of the federal motor fuel excise tax attributed to non-highway recreational use. RTP has supported 15,000 projects documented nationwide, attracting and supporting significant trail-based economic activity in thousands of communities.

In Missouri, RTP is open to local and state governments, school districts, non-profit and for-profit organizations. Missouri receives between \$1 and \$1.5 million per fiscal year. The maximum amount awarded is \$250,000 for a trail project and \$10,000 for an educational project. Sponsors must have a minimum 20 percent match.

***Eligible RTP projects include construction of new trails and trailheads or renovation of existing trails and trailheads, acquisition of land, purchase of maintenance equipment and trail educational programs.***

#### Benefits of RTP in Missouri:

- Trails enhance neighborhoods and provide connection to parks, schools, shopping and other recreational facilities .
- Trails support America's Great Outdoor Initiative by providing a great opportunity for Missourians to experience the outdoors and reconnect with nature by taking a hike through the woods, a jog along an urban waterway, or biking along a rail to trail route.
- Trails are supported by numerous trail clubs, non-profit organizations and volunteers in partnership with federal, state, county and local agencies.
- Trails support an active, healthy lifestyle by providing affordable places to exercise.
- Trails have been identified as a high priority by Missourians in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).
- Trail-related tourism creates jobs and supports local economies.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The RTP grant round typically opens between December and February of every year. Information about the next grant round, workshop schedules and the RTP application will be posted on our website:

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