



2024 RTP Grant Cycle Webinar

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Jodi Bellefeuille, RTP Grant Coordinator



Webinar Overview

Slides will be emailed to attendees and posted online with a link to the webinar recording

OPRD Grant Programs & Resources

RTP Overview

Eligibility Requirements

Other Program Rules

Online Application Process

Evaluation Criteria

Grant Management

Q&A



*Willamette National Forest,
Ray Benson Sno Park trail signage*



OPRD's Recreation Grants

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

- Staff contact: Jodi Bellefeuille

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Nohemi Enciso
- Opens fall 2025

Local Government Grant Program (LGGP)

- Mark Cowan
- Opens January 2025

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Grant Program

- Ian Caldwell and Mike Law
- **Open now! Letter of Intent due October 7**

County Opportunity Grant Program (COG)

- Julian Fedorchuk
- **Open now! Applications due October 1**





Navigating the Program

Online Grants System:

<https://OPRDGrants.org>

Program Information:

Oregon.gov/oprd/GRA

Contact Information:

Jodi.bellefeuille@oprds.oregon.gov

503-856-6316

12 New Applications Available ▾ 2 Organizations →

- MSR - Main Street Grant: due on 03/14/2025
- RTP - Motorized: start by 09/30/2024
- RTP - Non-Motorized: start by 09/30/2024
- COG - Development: due on 10/01/2024
- COG - Rehabilitation: due on 10/01/2024
- COG - Acquisition: due on 10/01/2024
- COG - Planning: due on 10/01/2024
- ATV - Law Enforcement: start by 10/08/2024
- ATV - Maintenance: start by 10/08/2024

Recreational Trails Program

Grants Overview

All-Terrain Vehicle Grant Program

County Opportunity Grant Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federally funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Since 1993, Oregon has funded over 500 projects with RTP funds to develop, improve, or expand motorized and non-motorized trails and their facilities.

Program Overview

Overview +

Grant Cycle Schedule

2023 Schedule +

Grant Program Guidance and Forms

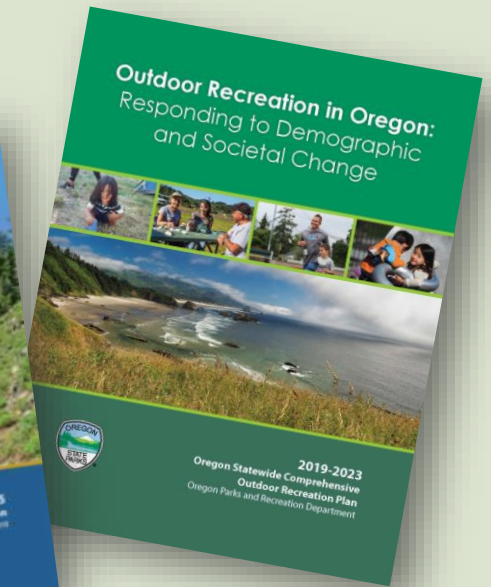
Policy Manual +





Resources

- [Online Grants System](#)
- [SCORP](#)
- [Statewide Trails Plan](#)
- ["Ready, Set, Plan?!" - a trail planning guide](#)
- [Parkland Mapping Project](#)
- [Potential Outdoor Recreation Funding Sources](#)
- [Potential Trail Funding Sources](#)
- [Non-Motorized Trail Cost Estimator](#)
- [Oregon Trails Coalition Webinars](#)
- [Oregon Parks & Recreation Association \[Education\]\(#\), \[Resources\]\(#\) and more](#)
- [American Trails \[Resources\]\(#\) and \[Training\]\(#\)](#)
- [National Park Service \[Resources\]\(#\) and \[Trail Planning Workshop Toolkit\]\(#\)](#)



Accessibility Guidance ✕

The following information is provided as a resource for land managers and RTP applicants. Additional resources on accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion can be found under the Resources section on this page, through the Oregon Trails Coalition and American Trails links.



RTP Overview

Purpose: to provide, expand, and improve public recreational trail opportunities for motorized and non-motorized use





U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

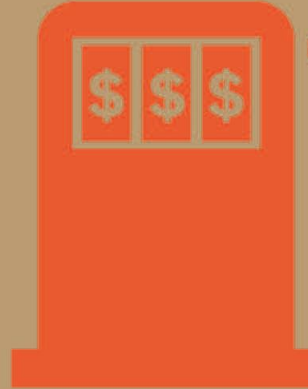


**Oregon
Department
of Transportation**



The Recreational Trails Program

Improving America's Trails Since 1991



\$270+M

Paid in federal taxes by
non-highway recreational users per year.

Off-highway recreational activities are taxed
at 18.4 cents per gallon.

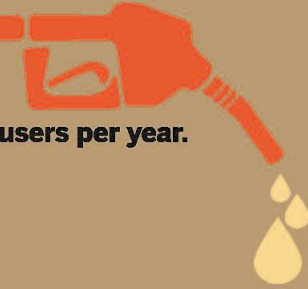


\$84M

Shared with other users.

Recreational Trails Program

- Over 25,000 projects funded.
- Benefitting tens of millions of diverse trail users.
- Administered by states (20% match required from states).
- Funded at less than 1/3 of the revenues generated.
- Applies user pay-user benefit principle of Highway Trust Fund to recreational trails.



**HIGHWAY
TRUST FUND**



RTP Overview: 2024 Grant Cycle Schedule

Letters of Intent Due Online	September 30, 2024 (11:59 PM)
Applications Due Online	November 15, 2024 (11:59 PM)
RTP Grant Committee Meeting	March 4-6, 2025
OPRD Commission Approval	April 2025
Notice to Proceed Anticipated	Fall 2025 (varies by project)

Committee recommendations announced to applicants following their meeting

Projects may not start until Notice to Proceed received



*BLM Prineville,
Cline Buttes Area Trailheads*



RTP Overview: 2024 Funding

2024 Funding	
Motorized Set Aside	Non-Motorized
\$710,000	\$1,180,000
Total Available = \$1,890,000	

Funding will increase if active projects close under budget

Apply under either the motorized or non-motorized category. Projects are scored and ranked separately within these categories. If your project includes both use types, select the primary use type.

If e-bikes are allowed on trails that are otherwise closed to all types of OHVs, submit the project as non-motorized.



RTP Overview: Funding Basics

Funding is competitive

Grant payments are generally made on a reimbursement basis

Grant request amounts

- Minimum: \$10,000
- Maximum: \$150,000 recommended max for non-motorized proposals
- No max for motorized proposals

Match requirement is 20% of project cost

- Total project cost includes valuation of volunteer labor, in-kind labor, or other donations
- Project match percentage included in application cannot change later

Sponsors must be able to track and document match if funded

- How will you track staff time? Other donated or in-kind match?



RTP Overview: Funding Basics, Continued

Grant term (project period): approximately 2 years

Federal agency applicants: 5% of total project cost (grant + match) must be from a non-federal funding source

The following federal sources can be counted as non-federal, including but not limited to:

- LWCF grants
- FEMA funds
- Federal funds made available to or by a Tribal Government
- Community Development Block Grants
- Federal-aid highway program funds
- In kind match contributed by Americorps or a Youth Conservation Corps
- Challenge Cost Share programs



2019-2023 Grant Cycles

	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded	Proposals Received	Projects Funded	Average Grant Amount
Motorized	\$3,677,012	\$2,558,766	28	23	\$111,000
Non-Motorized	\$12,448,072	\$6,361,652	105	56	\$114,000

Lists of past funded projects are posted on the OPRD RTP webpage



RTP Overview: Is my project a good fit?

- ✓ A primary purpose of the project is to provide or enhance public outdoor recreational trail opportunities for users
- ✓ The project meets an unmet need, solves a problem, or provides other benefits to trail users
- ✓ The project has gained public support and input through a public planning process
- ✓ The scope and budget are realistic
- ✓ For projects on federal land, NEPA approvals are in place
- ✓ Necessary steps have been taken related to land use approval, permits, and environmental review – to ensure that the project will be shovel ready and can be completed within 2 years, beginning in 2025/2026
- ✓ For non-profit partner applicants, the project has been vetted and approved by the land manager



Eligibility Requirements: Applicants

- Local governments
- State agencies
- Federal agencies
- Tribal governments
- Other government entities that manage public recreation areas (park districts, ports, etc.)
- Non-profits
 - Must be a registered nonprofit for at least three years prior to application
 - Land manager approval required
 - Coordinate with land manager on planning, application, and project implementation
 - Need a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)



*Photo credit Nate Zarmesky
Pacific Crest Trail Association &
Willamette National Forest,
Jefferson Park Reroutes*



Eligibility: Project Types



*Malheur National Forest, Eastern Oregon Trail Alliance,
& the Blues Crew; Magone Lake Trail System*



City of John Day, Innovation Gateway Trail

Construction of new recreation trails

New trail systems, expansions, linkages, etc.

Heavy restoration of existing trails

Reroutes, wildfire restoration, bridge replacements, accessibility improvements, signage, etc.



*Oregon Department of Forestry,
Tillamook State Forest Bridge Replacements*



*Deschutes National Forest,
Ryan Ranch Accessibility Upgrades*



Eligibility: Project Types

Trailhead Facilities

Parking areas, staging areas, restrooms, kiosks, etc.



*City of Cascade Locks,
HCRHST & PCT Hub*



*COHVOPS,
Rim Butte Jeep Trails & Trailheads*



*Deschutes National Forest,
Kapka Sno Park*

Facilities must have a direct and primary relationship with a recreational trail



Eligibility: Project Types

Water Trail Facilities

- Eligible recreational trail type under RTP
- Must be along a designated water trail or other body of water providing paddling corridors between public access points
- If trail isn't designated, use maps or other visuals to demonstrate use



*City of Tillamook,
Sue H. Elmore Park Water Trailhead Facilities,
Tillamook County Water Trail*



*City of Hillsboro,
Rood Bridge Park Boat Launch, Tualatin River Water Trail*



*Oregon State Parks,
Dispersed campsite upgrades, Willamette River Water Trail*



Eligibility: Project Types

Assessment for Trail Accessibility or Maintenance

Limited to 5% of annual funding,
\$20,000 max per project

Not for general trail project planning, typically for planning across a park system or large trail system



Land or Easement

Acquisition for Trail Development

- Must comply with federal acquisition guidelines (Uniform Act, Yellow Book appraisal)
- Appraisal costs incurred within 18 months of Notice to Proceed eligible as match
- Appraisals older than one year from application date need to be updated
- Proof of willing seller required
- Appraisals must be completed and submitted with the application



Eligibility: Project Types

User Facing Safety & Education

Trail safety education, printed materials, signage, videos, public training, etc.



Limited to 5% of annual apportionment, approximately \$80,000

Limited to one federal fiscal year (October-September)

Projects submitted and evaluated in category of primary use



Conditional Project Elements

Within eligible project types, certain items have additional restrictions or eligibility requirements - complete list in policy 2.3B

Planning / Engineering Costs

- Limited to 15% of the total project cost included in the RTP budget
- Includes design, engineering, land use or building permits, environmental or cultural resource review

Pre-Agreement Expenses

- Planning/engineering costs eligible as match if incurred within 18 months prior to Notice to Proceed
 - Ex: Final engineering, archaeological surveys, permit costs
- Pre-approval required, include in budget and describe in relevant app. question
- Construction costs and materials purchased prior to Notice to Proceed are NOT eligible



Conditional Project Elements

Staff Salaries & Benefits

- Eligible for match: Salaries for any staff implementing the RTP project
 - *Hours must be tracked and documented, need official documentation of wage rates*
- Eligible for reimbursement: Temporary staff hired for the RTP project
- Not eligible for reimbursement: Salaries for existing positions



Harney County Chamber of Commerce & Malheur National Forest
Wayfinding Signage & Maps



Conditional Project Elements – Buy America

Waiver effective August 16, 2023: Buy America and the Build America, Buy America Act requirements have been waived for projects when the total of federal funds in the project budget is less than \$500,000.

Projects must comply with the following requirements if the Total Project Cost is \$500,000 or more:

- FHWA Buy America Law: if the total steel or iron incorporated into a project exceeds \$2,500 – melting and all manufacturing processes must take place in the U.S.
- 2021 Build America, Buy America Act: expands Buy America requirements to most construction materials and certain manufactured products.

If Buy America applies, research product availability and cost as you build your budget and scope.

Refer to policy 2.4 for complete information



Conditional Project Elements

Equipment for Trail Building and Maintenance

- Purchasing equipment dedicated to trail building and/or trail maintenance is eligible
- **Waived for projects when the total of federal funds is less than \$500,000:** All steel and iron parts must be certified as U.S. sourced and final assembly must take place in the U.S.
 - Leasing and renting may be an option if the equipment purchase is \$500,000 or more

See policies 2.3A and 2.4 for more information



*Chiloquin Ridge Area Trail Restoration,
Oregon State Snowmobile Association*



Conditional Project Elements

Transportation Facilities

- Sidewalks, bike lanes, and other active transportation facilities are generally not eligible for RTP. However, if a bike lane or sidewalk is necessary to complete a missing link in a regional trail, a case may be made to demonstrate the recreational need and why transportation funds are not being used.
- Applicants are required to consult with ODOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle Program staff (contact Jodi first)

Road Right of Way

- Additional requirements apply for projects located in the ROW of a federal-aid highway
- Link in manual to determine which highways this applies to
- Davis Bacon applies, inmate labor restricted



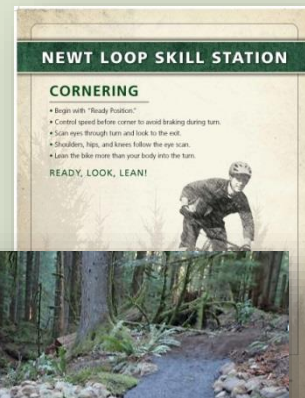
*City of Ontario,
Treasure Valley Connector Trail*



Conditional Project Elements

Skill Building Facilities & Bike Parks

- Pump tracks and other skill building facilities that are tied into or enhance a trail system are eligible
- Skill building features incorporated into a recreational trail are eligible
- Standalone pump tracks or other skill building facilities are not eligible



Salem Area Trails Alliance, Silver Falls Newt Loop



John Day Bike Park, trails funded by RTP



Conditional Project Elements

- **Interpretive Signage**

- Incidental costs for natural and cultural interpretive signage are eligible within a trail construction or restoration project
- Also eligible as a safety & education project

- **Lighting**

- Incidental costs for lighting at a trailhead or along a trail are eligible

- **Law Enforcement and Emergency Services**

- RTP does not fund law enforcement or emergency service operations, facilities, or equipment
- However, minimal use of projects funded by RTP may be allowed (example: storing search and rescue equipment in a snowmobile groomer shed)



*Deschutes National Forest,
Whychus Creek Overlook Trailhead*



*COHVOPS,
Rim Butte Jeep Trails*



Ineligible Project Elements

Not eligible for grant reimbursement or as match

- Budget contingencies (ineligible as a line item, spread out instead)
- Planning
- Food (exceptions for backcountry crews)
- Gifts
- Indirect and overhead costs
- Landscaping (beautification ineligible, mitigation planting eligible)
- Legal fees
- Time spent completing the RTP grant application, progress reports, and reimbursement requests





Ineligible Project Elements



- **Roads**

- **Maintenance**

- Work that is or should be conducted on a frequent basis to keep trails up to standard
- Work that doesn't impact the trail location, design, or structure
- Cannot be used as match
- Volunteer labor must be distinct from their maintenance work under an existing partnership and be clearly tied to the project goal

*Photo credit Katie Sox;
Central Oregon Trail Alliance &
Ochoco National Forest,
Trail Rehabilitation*



Eligible Match Sources

Minimum match: 20% of project cost

Actual match based on approved budget

Match must be necessary for the specific project

- Cash
- In-Kind
- Force Account
- Grants
- Donations (cash, items, services)
- Volunteer Labor



Photo Credit Nate Zaremsky



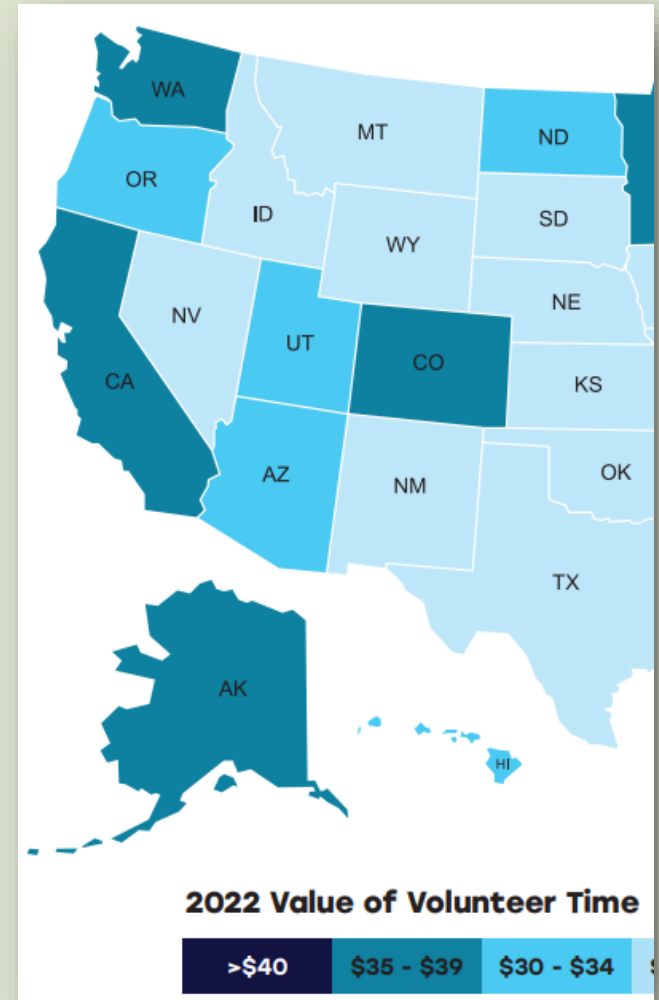
Eligible Match: Volunteer Labor

Select one method for the entire project:

- **Option 1:** [Independent Sector](#) rate for Oregon
 - \$34.74/hour (typically updated every April)
 - View full report for state-specific rate
- **Option 2:** Department of Labor or BOLI rates
 - Wage rate determined by duties and county
 - Use general laborer rates unless performing specialized work (example: engineer, archaeologist)

Review documentation requirements in advance. Option 1 recommended for simplicity.

Example volunteer tracking templates provided by OPRD. Allowable to use your existing tracking system if similar information is collected



Independent Sector Report



Ownership and Public Access

Ownership documentation required with the application (non-federal land)

- Fee simple title,
- Lease,
- Easement, or
- Other legally binding use agreement

RTP Grant Agreement Language – Use of Project Property:

- *“Grantee warrants that the land within the project boundary...shall be dedicated and used for the purpose described in the Application for a period of **no less than 25 years** from completion. Grantee agrees to not change the use of, sell, or otherwise dispose of the land...except upon written approval by OPRD.”*



Ownership and Public Access

RTP Grant Agreement Language – Public Access

- *“The Grantee shall allow opened and encumbered public access to the completed Project to all persons without regard to race, color, religious or political beliefs, sex, national origin, or place of primary residence.”*

User fees not prohibited at RTP assisted sites

Land managers maintain discretionary management responsibilities

- Example: seasonal closures for wildlife protection, temporary closures for timber or wildfire management
- Describe known restrictions in the application



Cascade Head Scenic Research Area



Environmental Review

Projects are assessed to:

- Ensure minimal environmental impacts
- Show compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Ensure necessary approvals, permits, and mitigation measures are in place

Review process varies for federal and non-federal land (refer to manual and application attachment checklist)



*Willamette National Forest,
McKenzie River Trail Bridge Replacements*



NEPA & Section 106 Review: Federal Lands

- NEPA Documentation:
 - Letter or form indicating that the project falls under a categorical exclusion, or
 - Decision memo, copy of EA or EIS if applicable
- Section 106 Documentation:
 - Completed Heritage Review form if the project falls under the agency's Programmatic Agreement with SHPO, or
 - Alternative PA documentation used by the agency, or
 - Copy of SHPO's concurrence letter



United States Department of Agriculture

Record of Decision

*Indicate on the application if these items are pending,
proposal will not move forward if NEPA not done*



Environmental Review: Non-Federal Land

- For all projects that include on-the-ground work, submit with the application:
 - RTP Environmental Screening Form
 - Completed State Agency Review Forms

Environmental and Cultural Resource Review Forms for Projects on Non-Federal Land

- [RTP Environmental Screening Form \(DOC\)](#)
- [RTP Environmental Screening Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [State Agency Review Form](#)
- [Transmittal Memo](#)
- [State Agency Contact List](#)

Forms received after application submission can be emailed to Jodi during the technical review period. Application asks if you're waiting on any of the agencies to respond.





Environmental Review: Non-Federal Land

Intergovernmental Consultation / State Agency Reviews

- State Natural Resources Agencies, required:
 - Dept. of State Lands (DSL)
 - Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
 - Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Others, based on project type:
 - Example: Dept. of Forestry, State Marine Board, ODOT, Dept. of Agriculture
 - Refer to the Agency Contact List for more information

State natural resource agencies use the consultation forms to communicate requirements, such as permits needed, or other recommendations for improvements





Environmental Review: Non-Federal Land

State Agency Review Steps

1. Complete the RTP Environmental Screening Form
2. Complete a Transmittal Memo for each agency
3. Edit the Consultation/Review Form to include your contact info
4. Email to each agency:
 - Transmittal Memo
 - State Agency Consultation/Review Form
 - Environmental Screening Form
 - Map
 - Site Plan



STATE OF OREGON NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY CONTACT LIST for Review of Proposed Grant Funded Projects		
Mandatory Contact List: Submission to these 3 agencies is required.		
<input type="checkbox"/> DSL	<input type="checkbox"/> ODF&W	<input type="checkbox"/> DEQ
AGENCY	CONTACT	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)	Chris Stevenson Jurisdiction Coordinator 775 Summer St NE STE 100 Salem, OR 97301 503-986-5246 christine.stevenson@state.or.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit by email • Allow 4 weeks for review • Only submit projects with ground alteration • No resubmittals please • Please include the following info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • Latitude/Longitude • Township • Accurate Site Map • Range • Tax Lot(s) • Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife (ODF&W)	Joy Vaughan Land Use & Waterway Alterations Coordinator 4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE Salem, OR 97302 503-947-6089 joy.v Vaughan@state.or.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit by email • Joy will forward your review request to the appropriate district biologist.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Northwest Region	David Kunz 700 NE Multnomah St Ste 600 Portland, OR 97232 503-229-5336 kunz.david@deq.state.or.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit by email • Serving Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.
Western Region	Mary Camarata 165 E 7 th Ave STE 100 Eugene, OR 97401 541-687-7435 mary.camarata@state.or.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit by email • Serving Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Jackson, and Josephine Counties.
Eastern Region	Greg Svelund 475 NE Bellevue DR, #110 Bend, OR 97701 541-633-2008 svelund.greg@state.or.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit by email • Serving Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Klamath, Lake, Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler

*Refer to the State Agency Contact List for email addresses and other details. **Agencies must be given at least 30 days to respond. Recommended to start this step right away!***



Environmental Review: Non-Federal Land

NEW: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Review

- Copy of an IPaC report must be attached to the application
- Link to run report included in manual and application attachment checklist
- Upload report under “Other”
- Process still being refined with FHWA and USFW
- RTP Environmental Screening Form asks about any USFW consultation or coordination that has already taken place (not required in advance)

A screenshot of the IPaC (Information for Planning and Consultation) web application. The interface is titled "IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation" and "U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service" with a "LOG IN" link. The main content area is divided into two steps: "1 Find location" and "2 Define area". Under "1 Find location", there is a search box containing "Minto-Brown Island City Park, M". Below the search box, there is an "Or skip this step and:" section with an "UPLOAD GEOMETRY" button and a message: "Selection by state or county is no longer available." The "2 Define area" section is currently empty. To the right of the text is a map showing a green landscape with blue water bodies. A blue location pin is placed on the map, and a dashed white line indicates a project boundary. Labels on the map include "Minto-Brown Island Park", "Minto Island Rd S", and "Croisan Creek". A zoom control with "+" and "-" buttons is visible in the top left corner of the map area.

Account not required

Start by searching for the park or general project location



Environmental Review: Non-Federal Land

IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service LOG IN

1 Find location

2 Define area
Draw the area where activities will occur
Select a drawing tool

- SKETCH
- POLYGON**
- LINE

Other options:
UPLOAD GEOMETRY

Selection by state or county is no longer available.

3 Confirm

Layers ADD

Draw an approximate polygon of the project area, does not need to be perfect.

Click Confirm and Continue

IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service LOG IN

Explore location
LOCAL OFFICE OR FISH AND WILDL OFC -

LOCATION Marion County, Oregon CHANGE LOCATION

Resources

ENDANGERED SPECIES	9
BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES	2
MIGRATORY BIRDS	16
FACILITIES	
WETLANDS	✓
PRINT RESOURCE LIST	

What's next?
Define a project at this location to evaluate potential impacts, get an official species list, and make species determinations.
DEFINE PROJECT

Endangered species
Listed species and their critical habitats are managed by the Ecological Services Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries).
Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are not shown on this list. Please contact NOAA Fisheries for species under their jurisdiction.
Additional information on endangered species data is provided below.
The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

THUMBNAILS LIST

Birds

Threatened CH Marbled Murrelet Brachyramphus marmoratus	Threatened CH Northern Spotted Owl Strix occidentalis caurina Wherever found	Threatened CH Streaked Horned Lark Eremophila alpestris strigata Wherever found
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Click Print Resource List

When prompted, Click "I'm printing this page for other purposes"
Print/Save as an Adobe PDF
Upload to application under "Other"



Cultural Resource Review: Non-Federal Land

Changes:

- SHPO review forms no longer required with the application
- Instead, cultural resource section of the RTP Environmental Screening Form expanded
- Cultural resource survey highly likely to be required unless already done
- OPRD staff will compile information for a SHPO submittal later in the process



Amanda Trail



SHPO Review: Non-Federal Land

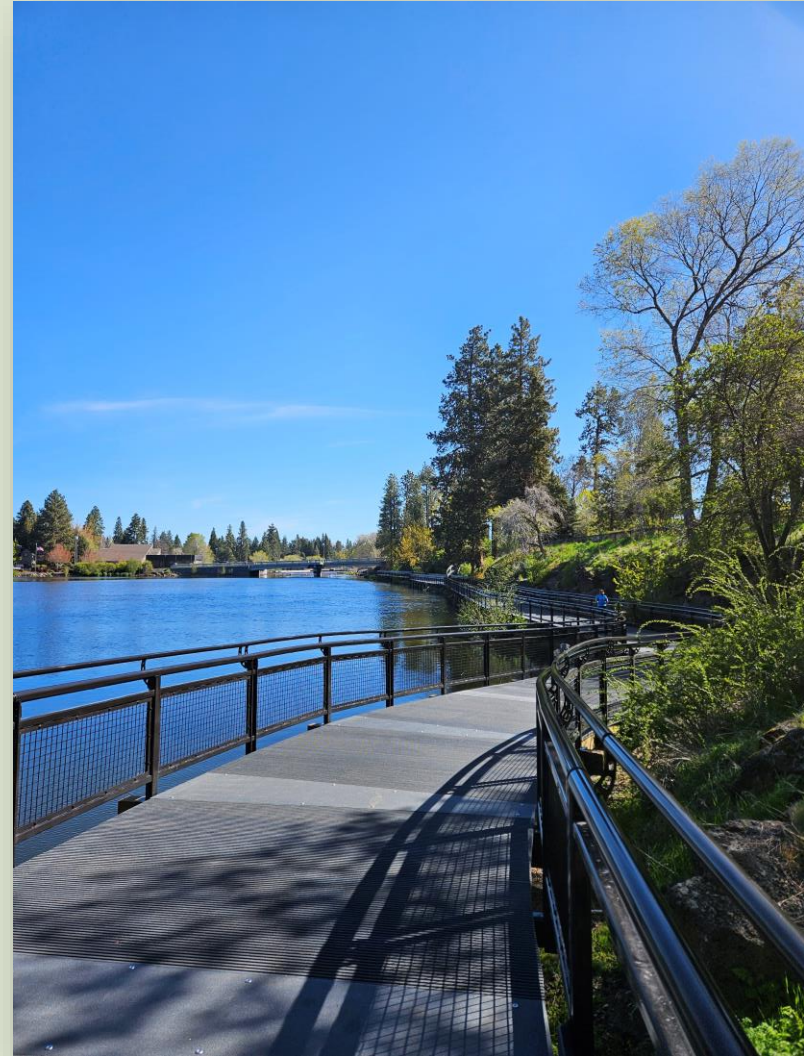


- If SHPO, a tribe, or FHWA requires an archaeological survey, it's at the expense of the applicant
 - Must be done prior to Notice to Proceed
 - Expense can be counted as pre-agreement match
 - Expense cannot be reimbursed
 - Archaeological monitoring during project implementation can be included in the budget
 - Budget for a survey unless already done
- FHWA consults with tribes about projects recommended for funding on non-federal land, may result in questions, project modifications, request for survey, etc.
- Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) incorporated into grant agreements, required in (sub)contracts



Environmental & Land Use: Non-Federal Land

- Application asks which agencies applicant is waiting to hear back from, if any
- Application asks what follow-up has or will take place in response to any comments received from state agencies or land use authority





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Application Process & Materials

Application & Forms

OPRD utilizes an online grants application system. The application can be accessed online when the grant cycle is open. Interested applicants must have an account on OPRD Grants to apply and can request an account at any time.

Applicants will either select a motorized or non-motorized application, depending on primary use of the trails or project area.

Online Application Instructions: refer to these instructions to navigate the application system on OPRD Grants

2023 Application Worksheet: A list of application questions that can be used to prepare your responses but cannot be submitted in place of the online application

Application Attachment Checklist: A list of required attachments and forms that must be submitted with your application

Application Forms:

- RTP Land Manager Approval Form
- Project Timeline Template
- Land Use Compatibility Form (LUCS)
- Trail Accessibility Assessment Memo

Environmental and SHPO Forms for Non-Federal Land

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- SHPO Submittal Form
- SHPO Clearance Form

OPRD RTP Webpage

▲ 15 Files

- RTP GRANT MANUAL
- RTP Grant Manual Updates
- Online Grant Application Instructions
- Checklist for Application Attachments
- Pre-application Worksheet
- RTP Environmental Screening Form - Blank
- State Agency Review Form - Blank
- RTP Transmittal Memo Form - Blank
- State Agency Contact List
- Land Manager Approval Form - Blank
- Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) - Blank
- Project Timeline Template
- Trail Accessibility Assessment Memorandum - Blank
- SHPO Submittal Form (Archaeological assessment) - Blank
- SHPO Clearance Form (Built environment assessment) - Blank

Online Application



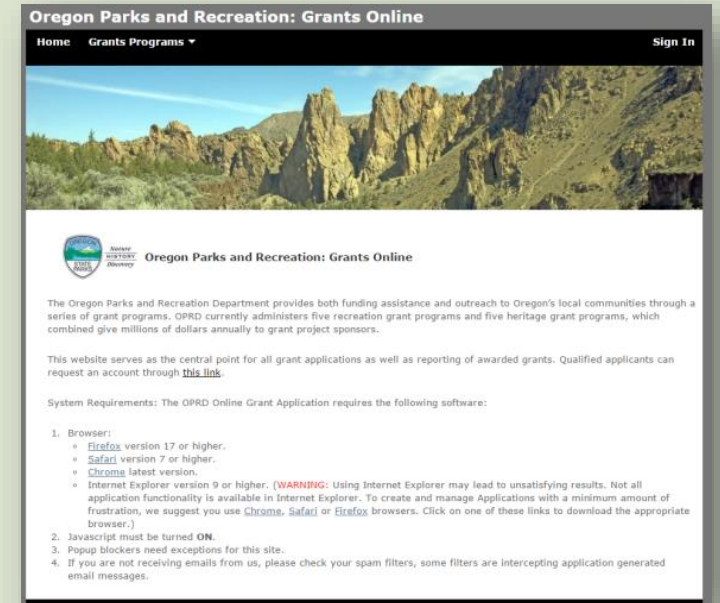


Online Application Process

<https://oprdrgrants.org>

Existing Users: Sign on using your email address as username

New Users: Follow links to request an account

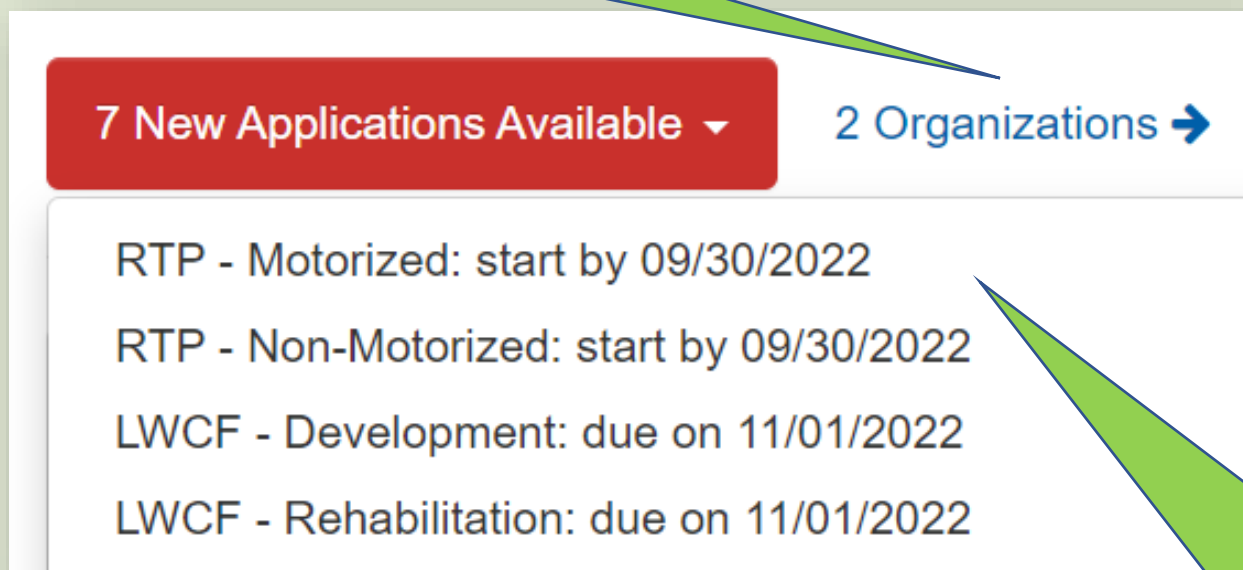


Need written permission from the applicant organization to allow consultants or other partners to access their grants account



Online Application Process

1. If your user account is associated with more than one organization, select the appropriate organization before initiating an application.

A screenshot of a web application interface. At the top, there is a red button with white text that says "7 New Applications Available" followed by a downward-pointing chevron. To the right of this button is the text "2 Organizations" followed by a rightward-pointing chevron. Below these elements is a list of four application categories:

- RTP - Motorized: start by 09/30/2022
- RTP - Non-Motorized: start by 09/30/2022
- LWCF - Development: due on 11/01/2022
- LWCF - Rehabilitation: due on 11/01/2022

2. Select the appropriate application. This list will include all open programs that your organization is eligible for.



Letter of Intent (LOI)

Main Purpose: High level screening of project eligibility, potential issues

LOI's are not used for selecting projects. Keep to the basic facts (don't need to sell your proposal). You are not held to the scope or dollar amount submitted on the LOI.

▲ Project Information

Project name *

Brief description of project *

Project Location *

Approximate grant request *



Letter of Intent (LOI) - Tips

- Make sure to select the correct organization and contact person
- **Save** and **Submit**
- Once approved, the remainder of the application questions can be accessed

A screenshot of a web form interface. At the top, a light blue banner contains the text "This application requires a Letter of Intent, please provide the following information:". Below this is a green banner with the text "Letter of Intent submitted", which is circled in red. At the bottom, a grey banner contains a blue triangle icon followed by the text "Contact Information".

This application requires a Letter of Intent, please provide the following information:

Letter of Intent submitted

▲ Contact Information

Note: After briefly seeing this message, and before it's approved, it will look like you still need to submit. I will approve or contact you with questions within a few days. Contact me if you're unsure.



Application Sections



*Photo Credit Tanni Wenger Photography Studios,
City of John Day, Innovation Gateway Trail System*

- Contact Information
 - Project Information
 - Project Budget Worksheet
- Supplemental Project Information
 - Environmental: Federal Lands
- Environmental: Non-Federal Lands
- RTP Committee Evaluation Criteria
 - Supplemental Miscellaneous
 - Attachments



Getting Started

- Use Chrome or Firefox
- Save often
- Follow instructions and refer to manual
- Keep a backup copy of your responses using the pre-application worksheet
- **Non-profit partners:** review your application with the land manager to ensure project timeline, roles, and deliverables are clear



*Restoration of winter warming shelters,
Deschutes National Forest*



Getting Started

Get started early on attachments and responses that require coordination, particularly:

- **Federal Lands:** NEPA and Section 106
- **Non-Federal Lands:** RTP Environmental Screening Form, State Agency Review Requests, Land Use Compatibility Statement
- **All:** Requesting letters of support, Land Manager Approval Form



Getting Started

- **Reminder:** the scope and budget are incorporated into a **grant agreement** for approved projects. Keep the scope realistic. **You will be held to it.**
- The project planning stage comes before the application process
- Know your audience, application should focus primarily on benefits to recreational trail user
- Be clear and concise for reviewers
- Don't assume that staff and committee members know your park system, user needs, etc.



Contact Information

- Select:
 - Project Contact (required)
 - Reimbursement Contact (optional)

RTP Non-Motorized Application

Save Application Submit Application Cancel

Delete Application

Contact Information

Applicant: OPRD

Project Contact *: Ben Cox

Address: Alex Phillips, Anna Krug, Austin Bertelson, Barbara Lee

Reimbursement Contact: Ben Cox, Ben Fisher, Carrie Lovellette, Casey Nielsen, Chris Gerdes

Select from a list of all active users connected to your organization. All users can edit the application, not just the Project Contact you select.

- Contact information can't be edited on the application
- Edit on your home page:

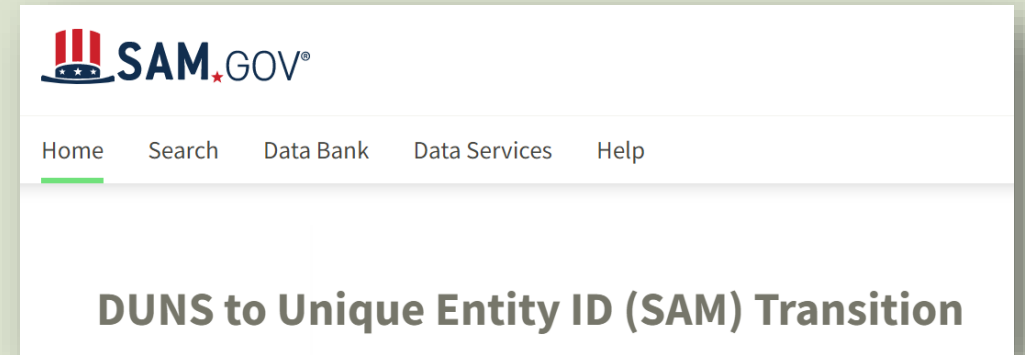
Name	Role
Alex Phillips	Authorized
Austin Bertelson	Authorized
Barbara Lee	Authorized
Ben Cox	Authorized

Click on the People tab and find your name. Follow the edit and save links. You may only edit your own information.



Organization Information

- Unique Entity ID (UEI) and federal tax ID required
 - UEI replaced DUNS numbers in 2022
 - If your organization didn't already have a DUNS and you haven't requested a UEI, request through SAM.gov
- Applicants don't see these fields. Jodi will request if funded. Start the process now if needed.



<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>



Project Information

- **Project Name**

- Carries over from the LOI, can be edited on the application
- Be short but specific enough to identify the project

- **Brief Project Description**

- Describe deliverables in 1-2 sentences
- Not for a long narrative about why you're applying
- Used for our federal agreements & other public reports

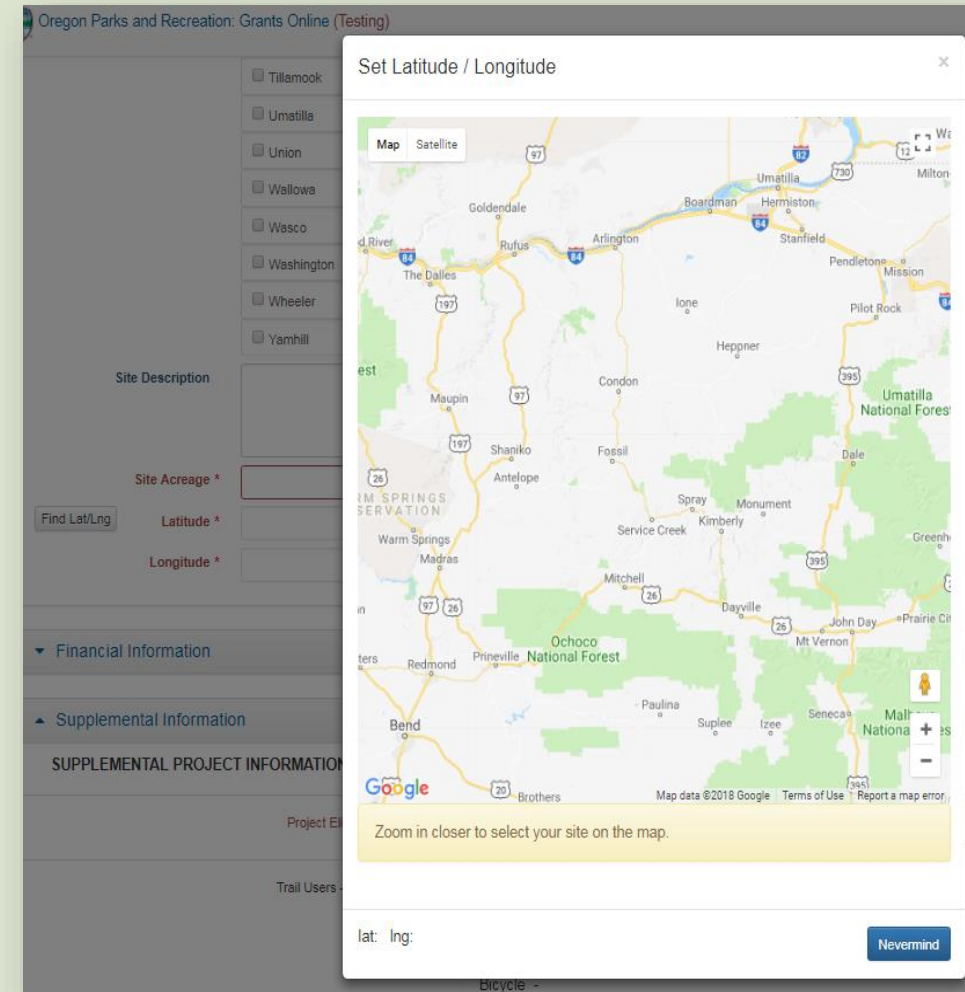
X To improve public health, physical fitness, and tourism opportunities in Happyville, OR, the City proposes to develop a world class trailhead at the existing but informal Sunny Ridge trailhead. This project is the result of a five year planning effort. Matching funds were raised by the local trails club who has also committed 200 hours of labor to the project.

+ Development of a 2 acre trailhead at the Sunny Ridge trail system that will include 30 parking spaces, a restroom, kiosk, and bike fix-it station.



Project Information

- Project start and end dates
 - Actual start date based on federal approval and grant agreement
 - Earliest start is summer or fall 2025
- Site name, city, and county or counties
- Site description
- Approximate acreage
- Latitude and longitude
 - Attachments will provide more detail
 - Choose a central location or trailhead
 - Google map will open, zoom in until you can select a point on the map



If map is blank, zoom in until locations show



Project Budget Worksheet

This section auto-fills

Financial Information

Financial fields are updated once you have filled out your Project Budget Worksheet and clicked the 'Save Application' Button.

Requested Amount * \$0.00

Match Amount * \$0.00

Total Project Cost * \$0.00

Grant % 0 %

Match % 0 %

Project Budget Worksheet [Add Worksheet Item](#)

Description	Qty	Unit	\$/Unit	Cost	Match	Request	Source of Funding
Totals				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Total Project Cost \$0.00

Total Match from Sponsor \$0.00

Grant Funds Requested \$0.00

Add budget line items by clicking here



Project Budget Worksheet

- Enter by item and as related to project scope
- Enter unit of measurement:
 - Item or lump sum (LS)
 - Linear foot (LF)
 - Hours
 - Etc.
- Cost per unit (value)
- Identification of matching fund source, as applicable
- System will calculate totals

Project Budget Worksheet	
Description *	Volunteer labor - trail construction
Quantity Needed *	100
Unit of Measure *	hrs
Cost / Unit	32.37
Does this item include Match?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Match Amount *	3,237
Source of Funding	ABC Trails Alliance
Check here if the source of your funds is from another Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>

▲ Project Budget Worksheet

Description * Trail planner - final design (pre-agreement cost)

Quantity Needed * 1

Unit of Measure * LS

Cost / Unit 10,000

Does this item include Match?

Match Amount * 10,000

Source of Funding Agency budgeted funds

Check here if the source of your funds is from another Grant?

▲ Project Budget Worksheet

Description * Trail Construction: Flow Trail Segment

Quantity Needed * 5000

Unit of Measure * linear feet

Cost / Unit 12.00

Does this item include Match?

Match Amount * 12,000

Source of Funding

Check here if the source of your funds is from another Grant?

Grant Name MTB Grant Program

Grant Type private

Granting Agency MTB Assoc.

Grant Status Approved



Project Budget Worksheet

Verify grant and match amounts, percentages before submitting

Requested Amount *	\$94,000.00
Match Amount *	\$25,615.00
Total Project Cost *	\$119,615.00
Grant %	78.58546168958742 %
Match %	21.414538310412574 %

Match should be at least 20%

Request	Source of Funding	
\$80,000.00		
\$3,000.00		
\$5,000.00		
\$6,000.00	Donated funds	
\$0.00	ABC Trails Alliance	
(\$3,200.00)	Force Account	
\$0.00	Force Account	
\$90,800.00		

There should not be any negative amounts in the request column



Project Budget Worksheet

- Brands, vendors, or contractors shouldn't be named unless the applicant has an existing agreement
 - Find procurement rules in Section 5 of the Manual
- Elements:
 - Labor (contracted, volunteer, project management, field staff, etc.)
 - Equipment (rental costs if applicable, in-kind rates, FEMA rates, etc.)
 - Materials
 - Other services (permitting, engineering, design, archaeological monitoring, etc.)
 - Miscellaneous expenses
- Expenses paid for outside of the grant or match should NOT be included in the budget
 - Indicate in the scope if necessary to explain the project, be clear whether included in grant/match



Supplemental Section

Project Information

- Select primary project category
- Select trail user groups: motorized & non-motorized
- For projects on non-motorized trail systems, describe the land manager's e-bike policy (for federal RTP reporting purposes)

Environmental Information

- Respond to either the federal or non-federal land questions
- Indicate the status of any pending environmental or Section 106 documentation

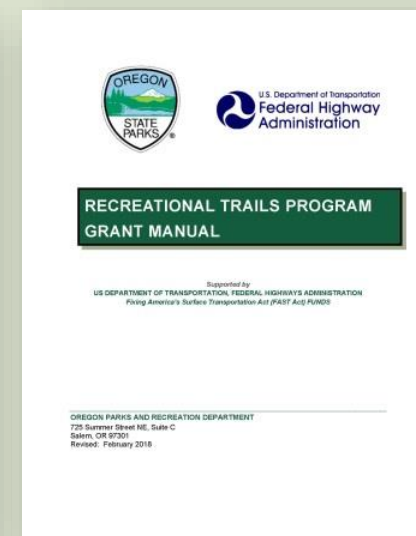
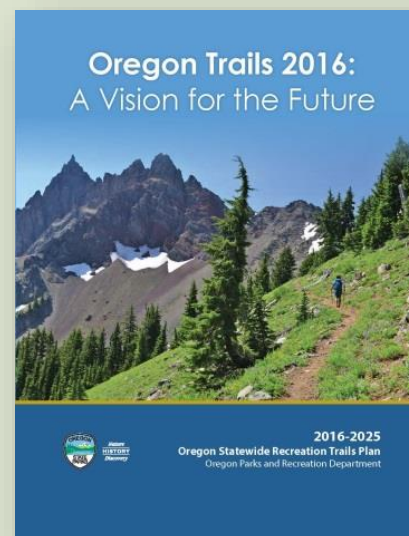


*A camel on the Cazadero Trail,
photo provided by Metro*



Supplemental Section: Technical Review & Evaluation Criteria

CRITERIA TYPE	POSSIBLE POINTS
OPRD TECHNICAL REVIEW	
1. Technical Review & Compliance	0
RTP COMMITTEE EVALUATION CRITERIA	
2. Project Scope and Plan	10
3. Youth Conservation Corps	5
4. Benefits	5
5. Statewide, Regional, and Local Issues and Needs	25
6. User Needs	10
7. Public Support	5
8. Maintenance & Sustainability	
Maintenance & Management	5
Environmental & Design Sustainability	5
Social Sustainability	5
9. Project Urgency	5
10. Fiscal Considerations	5
11. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	5
12. Discretionary Committee Member Criteria	15
Total Points	105



Refer to Section 4 of the RTP Grant Manual for detailed guidance



Supplemental Section: Technical Review & Evaluation Criteria

NEW:

Committee Scoring Rubric
added to RTP Grant Manual,
see Appendix E

RTP Scoring Rubric

This document provides guidance to RTP Advisory Committee members on scoring applications submitted for RTP funding. Section 4 of the RTP Policy Manual provides more detailed guidance for applicants on these scoring categories and their related application questions.

Project Scope and Plan, 0-10 points (RTP Grant Manual, Section 4, pages 34-36 and Section 2, pages 23-25): The intent of this category is to award points to project proposals with well planned, clear, and realistic scopes that are ready to proceed. This category also considers the site plan and appropriateness or clarity of costs in the budget as related to the scope.

8-10 Points	6-7 Points	4-5 Points	2-3 Points	0-1 Points
The project scope is well defined, well planned, well designed, and the project is ready to proceed.	The project scope is moderately defined, planned, designed, and the project is ready to proceed.	The project scope could use improvements and/or the project may not be ready to proceed.	The project scope needs significant improvements to the plan or design and/or is not ready to proceed.	The project scope is unclear, poorly planned, poorly designed, and/or not ready to proceed.

Youth Conservation Corps, 0-5 points (RTP Grant Manual, Section 4, page 36): The intent of this category is to award points to project proposals that will utilize a youth conservation corps or other youth organization to implement the project.

4-5 Points	1-3 Points	0 Points
A youth crew will have a direct role in project implementation and a commitment is in place.	The proposal indicates that a youth crew will be involved in project implementation, however: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A commitment is either not in place or is unclear, and/or 2. The role of the youth crew is unclear or relatively minor. 	A youth crew will not be involved in direct project implementation.

Benefits, 0-5 points (RTP Grant Manual, Section 4, pages 36-38): This category considers benefits to the community from either an economic development and tourism standpoint or from a health benefits standpoint. Applicants identify the primary category on the application and can elaborate on both categories when relevant.

Destination Trails: The intent is to award points to projects that demonstrate potential positive impacts to the local economy, or existing economic impacts that will be sustained or enhanced.

Community Trails: To award points to projects that show potential to improve health of the local community through improving access or increasing physical activity, or projects that are driven by a local health initiative.



Supplemental Section: OPRD Technical Review (0 points)



Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway, State Trail Wayfinding Signage

Grant Performance & Compliance

- Is the applicant in compliance with other OPRD grants? Are active projects on track?
- Non-compliance may be cause for denial or for special conditions to be placed on the award

Minimum Policy Requirements, Projects Suitability & Readiness

- Is the project eligible? Does it meet the intent of federal RTP guidelines?
- Are all budget and scope elements eligible?
- Is the application complete?
- Is the project ready to proceed?



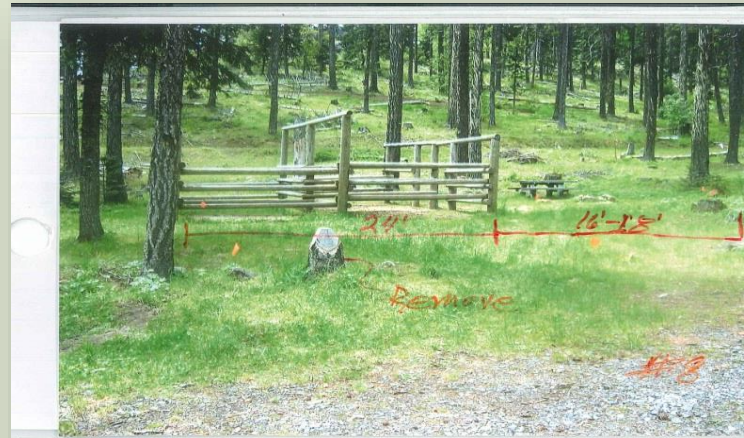
Supplemental Section: Scope & Plan (0-10 points)

Committee Evaluation

- To understand the objectives of the proposal
- To evaluate the appropriateness of RTP and competitiveness of the project
- To ensure funds are used timely and awarded to projects that are well planned and publicly vetted

OPRD Compliance Evaluation

- To evaluate the eligibility of the project & readiness to proceed
- If awarded, these responses are used for evaluation of project completion



Corral "B" (see area Map) showing built up and level parking area with a 2 degree slope.



Back Country Horsemen Columbia Gorge Chapter & Mt. Hood National Forest, Gibson Prairie Trailhead Improvements



Supplemental Section: Scope & Plan (0-10 points)

Application Questions

What are the project deliverables?	<i>Answers will vary by project type, refer to Grant Manual. Elements in scope must align with budget.</i>
Why is the project being proposed?	<i>Make your case! What problem are you addressing? Are you providing an opportunity that is lacking? What's the history?</i>
How are you proposing to complete the work?	<i>Roles of staff? Volunteers? Contractor?</i>
What trail standards or guidelines will be used?	<i>Does the land manager have adopted trail standards, other design standards? If not, what guidelines will you use?</i>
Describe the level of readiness to process and indicate what the step is if funded.	<i>Final engineering? Contractor procurement? Purchasing materials? Breaking ground?</i>
List any required permits and the status of those permits.	<i>Examples: Army Corps permit, Ocean Shore permit, local conditional use permit, etc.</i>



Supplemental Section: Scope & Plan (0-10 points)

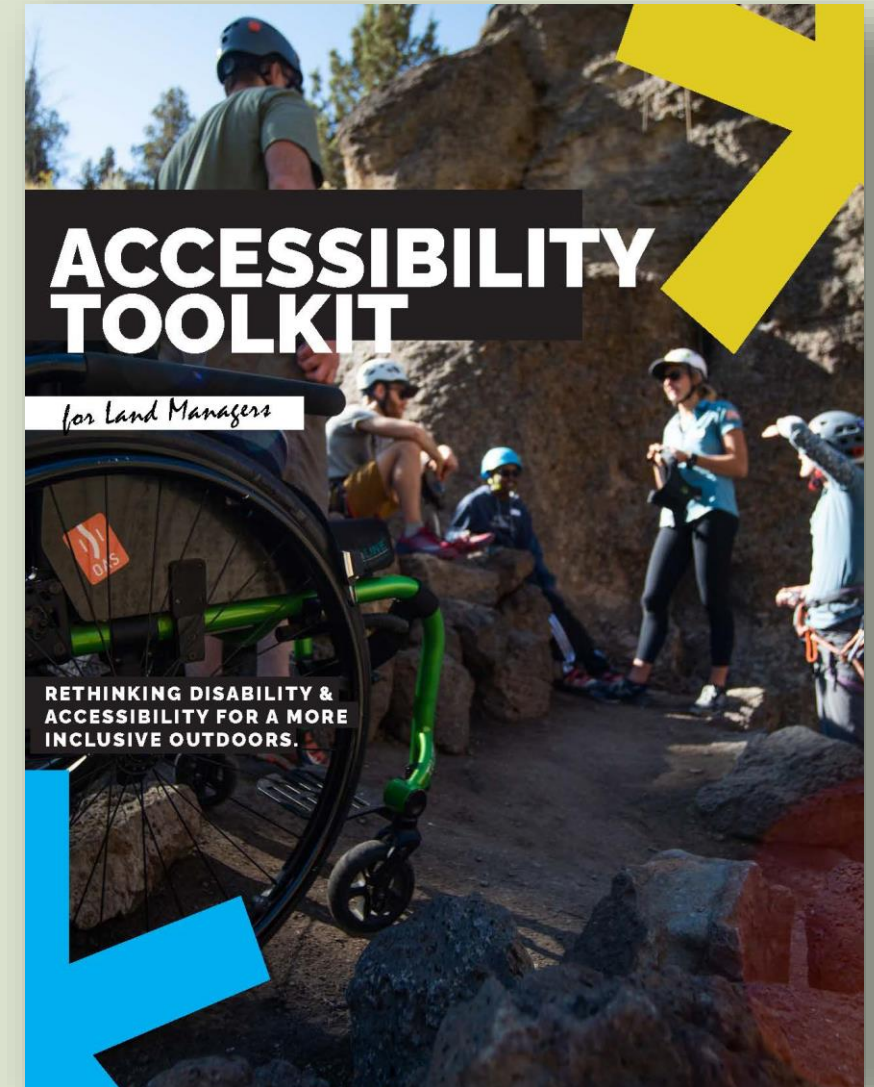
Application Questions

Describe how the project was evaluated for accessibility.

What standards were used to assess accessibility? Were users consulted with during the project planning stage to assess their barriers and needs?

What accessibility and universal design features are incorporated into the proposed project, existing trail system, or existing trailhead? If upgrades are needed but not included in proposal, describe plan to complete those.

What features are part of the RTP scope? What features are part of the trail system that are outside of the RTP scope (restrooms, parking lot, trailhead signs, accessible trails at the same or nearby site, relevant program access)?



Willamette Partnership's Accessibility Toolkit for
Land Managers

A link to the guide and other accessibility resources are
on the RTP webpage and in Section 2 of the manual

Story in Stone Trail Map

Length: 0.3 miles (0.5 km) loop trail with no trail obstructions. Total elevation gain and loss is 20 ft (6 m). There are benches along the trail, but with little shade.

Surface Type: the trail is paved for 900 ft (275 m) with room for a wheelchair to turn around. After that, the trail has gravel surfaces.

Trail Width: typical trail width is 53 in (135 cm) and minimum trail width is 34 in (86 cm).

Trail Grade: average is 5% and maximum is 19%
Cross Slope: average is 2% and maximum is 6%

Trail conditions may have changed since last surveyed.

GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING TRAIL INFORMATION TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Click [image](#) for PDF version of this document.



October 2013

Revived and refreshed April 2020, but not revised.

Refer to ABA guidelines and other resources for the minimum information that should be provided on trail signs, including:

Length of trail, type of trail surface, typical and minimum trail tread width, typical and maximum trail grade, and typical and maximum cross slope



Supplemental Section: Youth Corps (0-5 points)

Application Question: If a youth conservation corps or other youth crew will be used to complete the project, describe their role.

- Scored on a range: how significant is their role? Is a commitment in place?
- Federal RTP guidance allows sole sourcing of specific corps (policy 5.4B)
- Points may be awarded for other youth crews or groups that you have agreements with
- National guide on youth corps partnerships posted on the OPRD RTP webpage



Heart of Oregon Youth Corps constructs fencing at BLM Prineville's Fryrear Trailhead



Northwest Youth Corps Tribal Stewards members clearing logs for the PCTA's Jefferson Park reroute project



Supplemental Section: Benefits (0-5 points)

Application Questions:

- Select the primary use/type of the trail:
Destination or Community
- Describe how the project will benefit the local community. For destination trails, applicants should focus on economic impact benefits. For community trails, applicants should focus on health benefits.



Intent:

- **Destination trail projects:** To award points to projects that demonstrate potential positive impacts to the local economy, or existing economic impacts that will be sustained or enhanced.
- **Community trail projects:** To award points to projects that show potential to improve health of the local community through improving access or increasing physical activity, or to projects that are driven by a local health initiative.



Supplemental Section: Benefits (0-5 points)

Examples of what to address

Refer to Section 4 of the RTP Grant Manual for more information

Destination Trails:

- How will the project facilitate additional trip-related expenditures?
- For new trails – how does the project fit within your local tourism goals? What are the anticipated impacts?
- For restoration projects – how can you demonstrate existing economic impacts? How will the project sustain or increase those impacts?

Community Trails:

- Does the project provide access in an area with limited or no recreation access?
- Is the project expected to increase physical activity?
- Does the project fit within a larger plan to address health and fitness or health disparities?
- Does the project provide or improve opportunities within or near a BMI high priority county or UGB? Census block? Refer to SCORP.



Supplemental Section: Issues and Needs (0-25 points)

Application Questions

- How does the project address statewide and regional issues and needs as identified in the 2016-2025 Statewide Trails Plan?
 - Refer to the RTP Grant Manual and its appendices, or to the Statewide Trails Plan
 - Committee will evaluate how clearly the application demonstrates that the project meets those needs, and how well the project actually meets those needs
- How does the project address other locally identified issues and needs? To what extent does the project satisfy priority needs as identified in the land manager's local planning document (master plan, comprehensive plan, etc.)?





Supplemental Section: User Needs (0-10 points)

Application Question: Describe how the project will satisfy needs of the intended user group(s).

Describe in more depth how elements of the project were decided on and how well those elements meet needs of the intended user group(s). Example of what to address (refer to the manual for more):

Project Use:

- What similar opportunities are available nearby?
- Is the project meeting an unmet need?
- Describe the level of existing or anticipated user impact (trail counts, etc.)
- If overuse is an issue, how will the project better accommodate large amounts of users or ease overuse on nearby trails?

Project Design:

- Describe how user friendly or universally accessible the project is.
- If filling a physical gap in a system, what alternative route do users have? Is the alternative dangerous or unsustainable?
- For restoration, describe how the user experience will be improved or provide access to closed areas.
- For specific level of difficulty designs, how does the project complement other systems in the area?



Supplemental Section: Public Support (0-5 points)

Application Attachment: Upload letters of support

- Minimum of 5 letters recommended
- Give people time to write letters, give them background
- Form letters not recommended – content matters
 - Provide a bullet list of points or talk through it with them, encourage them to put it in their own words
- Strongest letters are from user or community groups who will benefit from the project
- Less impactful: letters from public agencies, businesses
 - Provide these in addition to your other letters
- Recommended to combine into one attachment, use cover sheet to list the letters
- Do not send letters directly to the RTP Coordinator or Committee Members
 - Jodi will email you a copy if received via email
 - If letters are mailed to OPRD's office, they may not be received (teleworking)



Supplemental Section: Public Support cont'd (0-5 points)

Application Question: Other than letters of support, how can public support be demonstrated? Describe any processes or public meetings that have taken place to receive input and gain support.



*A **summary** of comments received during public meetings, rural tourism studios, or online surveys can be uploaded to the Letters of Support category, if applicable.*



Supplemental Section: Maintenance & Management (0-5 points)

Application Question: Describe the land manager's capacity and commitment for trail maintenance.

Address as relevant:

- Is dedicated funding in place for long-term management?
- Do you have permanent staff for ongoing trail maintenance?
- Does the land manager partner with organizations or volunteers to assist with maintenance? What organizations?
- Do staff and partners have capacity to meet needs?
- If proposing new trails, describe the condition of existing trails
- If proposing restoration, how much maintenance backlog will the project alleviate?



*Northwest Youth Corps Tribal Stewards Crew,
Trillium Lake boardwalk replacement,
National Forest Foundation*



Supplemental Section: Environmental & Design Sustainability (0-5 points)

Application Question: Describe how the proposal results in a well-designed and environmentally sustainable trail system.

Address as relevant:

- Describe the methods of design and low-impact techniques used to protect and complement the environment.
- How will habitat areas be enhanced? How will erosion be prevented?
- Describe how the project is designed for ease of maintenance.
- Equipment: how will the purchase result in a more sustainable trail system?
- Safety & education: how is the project anticipated to result in user protection of natural resources?



Spencer Butte, City of Eugene



Supplemental Section: Social Sustainability (0-5 points)

Application Question: Describe the social sustainability benefits of the project.

A socially sustainable community must have the ability to build and maintain park facilities serving residents of all ages, abilities, and economic status. Social sustainability practices involve outreach to address the needs of the community, including underserved populations and underrepresented user groups....Benefits of social sustainability include promoting public health, promoting equity, and increasing social interaction with the natural environment.

Address as relevant:

- Is or will the project area be used for public events?
- Will the project create volunteer opportunities for the public?
- Will the project encourage partnership with other entities and foster community support?
- Will the project increase access and use of open spaces and trails?
- Will the project enhance cultural educational experiences?
- Will the project promote ecological values through public education and interpretation?

Refer to the grant manual for more information.



Supplemental Section: Project Urgency (0-5 points)



Application Question: Describe how the project has an urgent need to be completed.

Intent: to give priority points for project proposals that have an urgent need

Address as relevant:

- Describe how critical RTP funds are to completion of the project
- Do temporary alternatives exist if RTP funds are not awarded?
- Describe the consequences to user if the project is not funded? Will actions be taken that lead to closure or loss of quality?
- Describe the consequences to the applying entity if the project isn't funded. Are those factors within your control?



Supplemental Section: Fiscal Considerations (0-5 points)

Application Questions:

- Describe how critical RTP funds are to project implementation. Relevant information includes a high-level description of the agency's budget, when/if the project would be completed without RTP funds, and other funding sources already applied to for the same project.
- For phased projects, describe the funding strategy for the entire project, including other funding sources already utilized for previous phases or grant programs that will be applied to for future phases.
- **Non-motorized applications only:** If requesting over the recommended \$150,000 maximum, use this space to make a case about why RTP funds are the best fit for your needs.

Intent: to award points to proposals that demonstrate a strong financial need, superior leveraging of funds and partnerships, and a sustainable funding strategy.

Non-profit partner applicants: coordinate your respond with the land management agency as relevant



Supplemental Section: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (0-5 points)

Application Questions:

- Describe your organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy or efforts. Relevant information also includes outreach strategies to diverse and underserved communities in the recreation planning process, consulting users of all mobility levels, and other efforts to encourage equitable access to the outdoors.
- Describe any project elements that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.





Supplemental Section; Discretionary Committee Member Criteria (0-15 points)

Committee members may award projects additional points based upon their subjective evaluation, such as:

- Superior design
- Universally accessible design
- Superior leveraging of funding or partnerships
- Enhancement of regional or statewide significant trails
- Potential for legacy
- Exceptional meeting of an unmet need
- Etc.



*Willamette National Forest,
Tamolitch Trail (Blue Pool) MTB Bypass*



Supplemental Section: Miscellaneous

OPRD Recreation Grant Performance:

- List active grants and describe your performance and compliance with active and past OPRD grant awards (brief summary)

Organizational Structure:

- Briefly describe the org structure of the applying entity. Govt entities: departments responsible for managing projects and trails. Non-profits: mission and role with managing projects, maintaining trail systems, etc.

Non-Profit Partners:

- If the applicant is a non-profit partners of a public land management agency, describe the land manager's involvement in planning, approval, implementation, and oversight

Buy America:

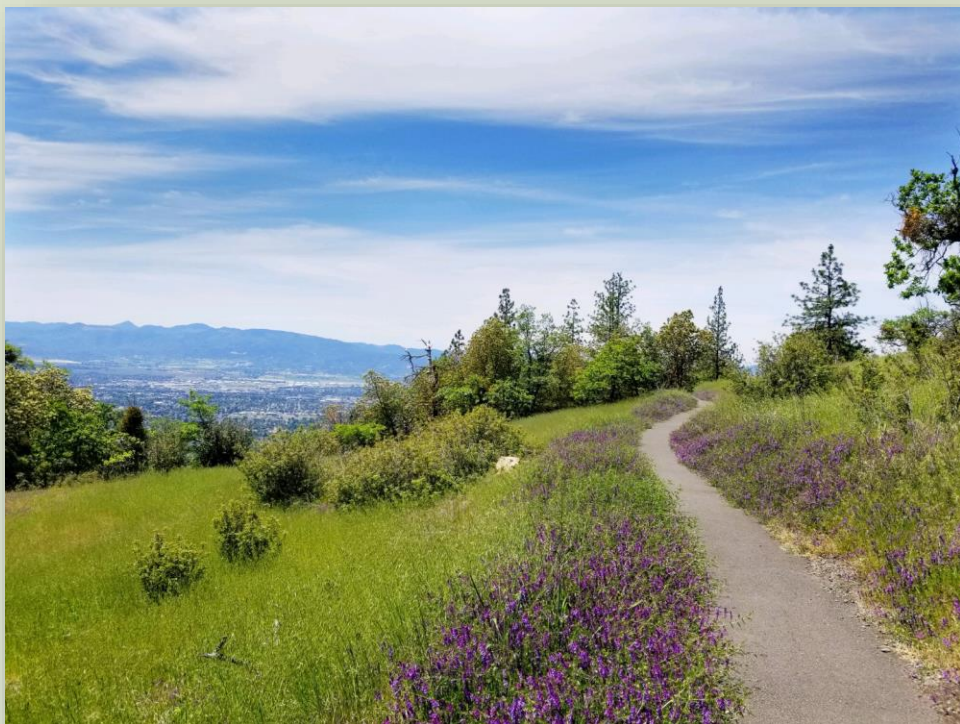
- For projects with federal funds totaling \$500k+, has the applicant verified the availability of Buy America compliant products and materials?



*Mt. Hood National Forest,
LaDee Flats Staging Area*



Supplemental Section: Miscellaneous



Prescott Park, City of Medford

Miscellaneous Financial:

- Indicate if any pre-agreement planning costs are included in your budget and when those costs will be incurred.
- Indicate if you do not have the financial capacity to manage a reimbursement-based grant. Jodi will follow up to discuss options.
- Non-profit applicants: describe experience following federal and state procurement rules




Application Attachments

Refer to the Application Attachment Checklist for a list of what documents apply to your project

Refer to the RTP Grant Manual for documentation guidance (sections 2 & 3)



▲ 14 of 12 Required Attachments 

✓ Land Manager Approval Form - Completed	Land Manager Approval Form	pdf
	Land Manager Approval	pdf
✓ Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) - Completed	Land Use Compatibility Statement	pdf
✓ Letters of Support	Letter of Support	pdf

The application can't be submitted until something has been uploaded under each required attachment category

Upload a document marked as "N/A" for attachments that don't apply to your project



Application Attachments: Tips

- Get started early: some attachments require an outside entity to reply
- Each document should be clear to staff and Committee members: use cover sheets, captions, notations, keys, etc.
- Combine documents into one file when appropriate
- Attachments can be deleted until you submit the application, cannot add or delete files after you submit (except during technical review)



*Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
Coast Creek Trail*



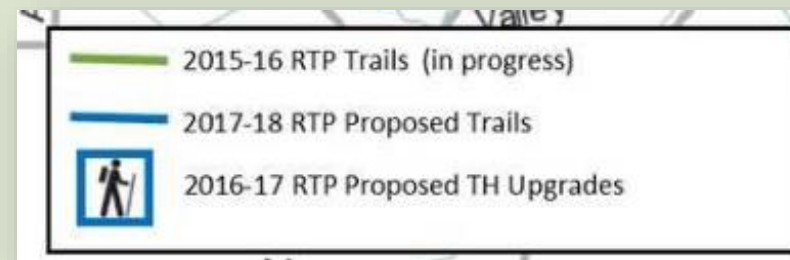
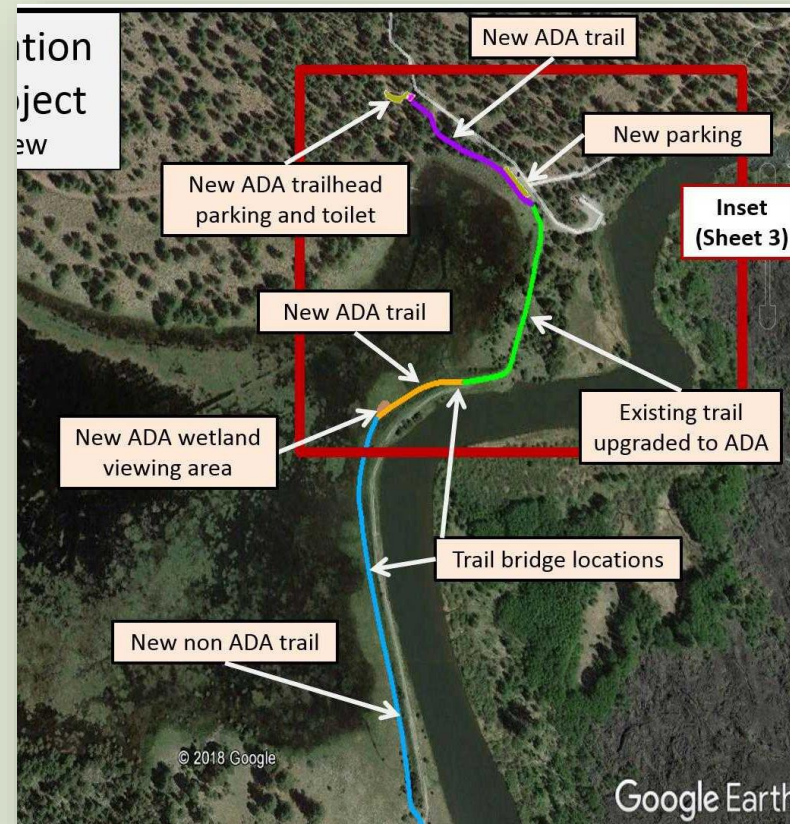
Attachments: Maps

Vicinity Map: Broad identification of location

Park Boundary Map: Boundary of park or trail system, identifies site in relation to geographic features and facilities

Site Plan: Design document(s) for the project that clearly indicate project elements

- Multiple documents can be submitted (example: engineering plan + trail system map indicating project sections)
- Clearly note existing facilities, proposed facilities included in the RTP scope, proposed facilities not included in the RTP scope
- Used for environmental and cultural resource review
- Used for verification of project completion





Attachments: Property Ownership, Land Use Compatibility



Property Ownership:

- Deed, lease, agreement, or other legally binding public use agreement
- If multiple ownership interests, submit a tax lot map identifying control over each property

Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS):

- Completed by a City or County Planning Official
- Verifies that the proposed activity complies with local land use requirements
- May include comments about required permits or other actions
- Notice to Proceed may be contingent on approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
- Be forthcoming about land use or potential land use appeals



Attachments:

Land Manager Approval Form

Land Manager Approval Form:

- Required for all projects that include on-the-ground work
- Non-profits: good opportunity to meet with the land manager to make sure all parties are aware of grant requirements, project timeline, roles

Land Manager Letter of Support:

- For non-profits proposing safety & education projects or equipment purchases, submit a letter of support from the land manager as relevant
- Support letters demonstrate partnership and justify need





Attachments: Timeline

- Template provided or use your own
 - Include steps after the Notice to Proceed is issued, as relevant
 - Design, permitting, procurement, construction, closeout, etc.
- A brief statement in the application may be appropriate instead, if no construction is included

Project: RTP Example Project **Applicant:** OPRD Grant Department

Project Phases	Grant - Year 1												Grant - Year 2											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Notice to Proceed	NTP																							
Design		D	D	D	D																			
Permitting					P	P	P	P	P	P														
Bid/Award												B	B	B										
Construction														C	C	C	C	C	C	C				
Closeout																						X	X	



Other Attachments

Photos:

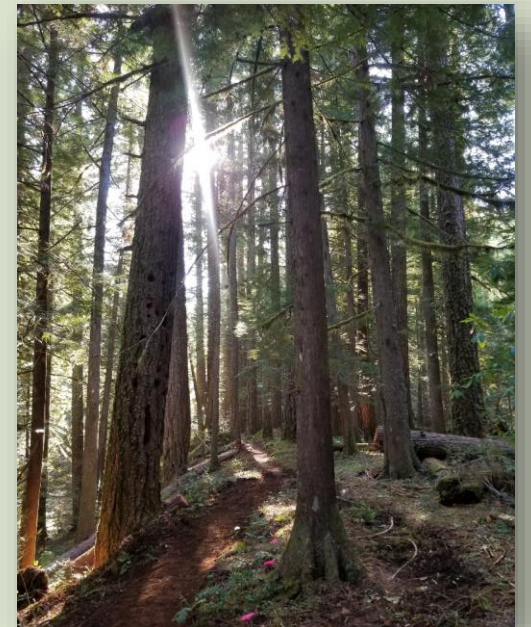
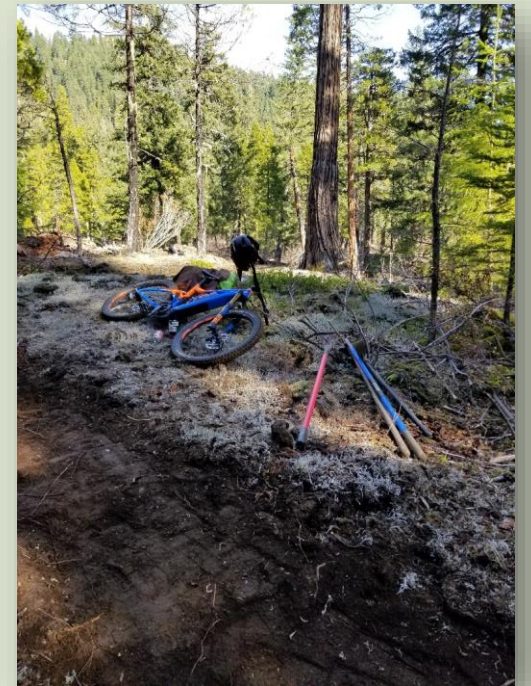
- Recommended for construction projects
 - Justify need for restoration, equipment replacement
 - Visualize site for new trail development
 - Demonstrate overcrowding, unsafe conditions, or need for expanded trailhead
- Best practice to combine into a single document with captions for each photo

NEPA and Section 106 Documentation: Upload under “Other”

IPaC Report: Upload under “Other”

Accessibility: Complete the accessibility assessment memo for single-use hiking trails and multi-use trails designed primarily for hiking.

Other: Examples of safety and education materials, examples of comparable equipment, appraisal and proof of willing seller, etc.





Application Submission

Due November 15, 2025 by 11:59 PM



- The online system will not allow you to submit until all mandatory questions are answered and all attachments uploaded
- Aim to submit early in case of technical issues
- Applicants will be contacted during the technical review process if any items are missing or unclear, will be given 1-2 weeks to make edits



Grant Meeting

March 4-6, 2025



- Hybrid meeting, applicants can choose to present virtually or in-person
- Presentations are required for any grant requests over \$50,000
- Presentation + Q&A limited to 20 minutes
- Correspondence will be sent to applicants about presentation time slots, due dates for submitting PowerPoints, presentation tips, etc.



RTP Advisory Committee

The RTP advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and scoring grant applications, and recommending projects for funding to the OPRD Commission and Federal Highways

User Representatives		
Hiking	Biking	Water Trails
Equestrian	OHV (2)	Snowmobiling
Other Representatives		
Accessibility	BLM (non-voting)	USFS (non-voting)

- Members spend at least one month reviewing applications
- Individual project scores are averaged to develop the ranking list, then voted on
- Members recuse from scoring application if they work for the land manager, non-profit applicant organization, etc.
- Members also represent other recreation sectors (local, state, federal land managers; trail groups; tourism; industry; etc.)



Grant Meeting Presentations: Tips

- Keep presentation between 8-10 minutes, leave the rest for questions
- Be simple and to the point
- Emphasize why the project is important, hit the main points
- Include maps and photos
- Don't just list out how you're meeting the scoring criteria
- Don't repeat all the information in your application, this is a chance to make your final case





Grant Meeting Presentations: Tips

- If presenter can't answer technical questions, bring someone along who can
- For non-profit partner applicants, bringing a land manager representative can be helpful in some cases (not required)
- PowerPoint recommended
- Handouts not recommended
- These are public meetings





RTP Overview: 2024 Schedule

Grant Committee Meeting	March 4-6, 2025
OPRD Commission Approval	April 2025
Other steps: SHPO review (non-federal projects), approved projects incorporated into ODOT's STIP, Federal Highways' formal approval of projects, ODOT and Federal Highways authorize funding, DOJ legal sufficiency review of grant agreements, routing the agreement for signature	
Notice to Proceed Anticipated	Fall 2025 (earliest)

Projects may not start until a Notice to Proceed is received



Grant Management Requirements

Grant Requirements: Project Sponsors are responsible for reviewing their agreement, program grant manual, and following up with questions

Grant Term: Approximately two years, identified in the agreement

Scope Changes: Request must be submitted with justification at least 30 days prior to the end date (realistically much earlier)

- May be denied if too far outside of approved scope
- Submit much earlier if changes require updated environmental or SHPO review

Extensions: Requests must be submitted with justification at least 30 days prior to the end date

- Multiple OPRD approvers, FHWA in some cases
- Significant delays may impact future grant requests



Reporting: Reimbursement Requests

Online Reporting System: Submitted on the OPRD Grants website

Frequency:

- Must be submitted every six months **from the date of Notice to Proceed** to keep funding active
- No more frequently than monthly
- OPRD has 30 days to review and respond with questions or approve request

Documentation:

- Must show grant expenses & match (invoices, proof of payment, volunteer labor, etc.)
- Individual requests must stay, at a minimum, within the approved match %

Advance Payments: considered on a case-by-case basis, restrictions apply

Retainage: OPRD holds 25% of funds until project verified as completed

Exceptions: limited exceptions may be made to allow advance payments, etc.



Reporting: Progress Reports

Online Reporting System: Submitted on the OPRD Grants website

Frequency:

- Quarterly, even if no activity (following calendar quarters)
- Progress reports must be current in order to submit a reimbursement request

Content:

- Describe work completed, delays, updates to timeline
- Attach photos when possible
- If major delays, contact Jodi directly





Project Completion

Final Reports: Submitted on <https://oprgrants.org>

- Final reimbursement request
- Final progress report
- Photos of the completed work

Final Site Visit: may be arranged with the grant coordinator or other OPRD staff

Publicity:

- Acknowledge OPRD support at the project site
- Signs can be requested or incorporated into the Project Sponsor's signage
- Notify the Grant Coordinator if a grand opening or other public event is planned



*Jack-Ash Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting
BLM & Siskiyou Upland Trails Association*



Procurement Requirements

— OREGON

Service and Conservation Corps based in State

Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Heart of Oregon Corps
Northwest Youth Corps
Timber Lake Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Wolf Creek Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

Corps that send crews to state

Mt. Adams Institute

Affiliate Members

Oregon Volunteers

Procurement:

- Transactions must be documented and conducted to provide free and open competition
- State requirements, at a minimum, must be followed (ORS 279)
- Thresholds:
 - Small purchases (<\$25,000)
 - Intermediate purchases (\$25,001 - \$250,000)
 - Competitive sealed bids or proposals (>\$250,000)
- Sole-sourcing allowed for qualified youth conservation or service corps
- Davis-Bacon wage requirements do NOT apply to RTP unless project is within a highway right of way



Retention Requirements

- Grantees and OPRD are subject to state and federal audits
- Records must be retained for at least six years following the date of closeout or last action, including:
 - Invoices, receipts, timesheets, account statements, bidding documents, travel logs, volunteer labor forms, Buy America certificates, etc.





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