



Recreational Trails Program and Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program Comparison

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP is a federally funded grant program. The RTP is funded through the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Its funds represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use. This grant program awards about \$1.5 million annually.

Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program (MTSGP)

The MTSGP is a state-funded grant program authorized by the Montana State Legislature in 2019. The MTSGP is funded through a portion of Montana’s light vehicle registration fee. This program is expected to award approximately \$1.0 million this funding cycle.

	Eligible Funding Areas	Eligible Applicants	Application Period (apply at funding.mt.gov)	Maximum Award	Match Requirement	Award Term	Other Important Requirements
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development or maintenance of motorized and non-motorized trails or trail-related facilities Winter trail grooming Purchase of trail equipment Purchase of land for trail development Development of trail education or ethics programs 	Any private club, NGO, or city, county, state, federal, or tribal government entity	January 18, 2022 – February 28, 2022	\$100,000	20% of total project costs	July/August 2022 – October 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees must submit a reimbursement request every 8 months during award. Grantees must maintain an active SAM registration. Buy America requirements must be met. State procurement procedures must be followed.
Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program (MTSGP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New trail and shared-use path construction Rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and shared-use paths, including winter grooming Construction and maintenance of trailside and trailhead facilities 		December 15, 2021 – February 15, 2022	\$75,000	10% of total project costs	July 2022 – October 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State procurement procedures must be followed. Grantees to use up to 7% of grant funds on administrative costs. Funds may not be used on safety/education activities or equipment purchases

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