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.

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| **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** | 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 | - 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)** | 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 | - 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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