



**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 \$1.35 million this funding cycle.

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

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