



APPENDIX A: ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES AND ACTIVITIES

RTP funds can only reimburse project expenditures incurred after the project start date and identified in the approved Funding Strategy Narrative and Budget forms.

Not all activities are eligible for RTP reimbursement or match. The following is a list of eligible and non-eligible project types and expenses.

Eligible Project Types

- ▶ Trail projects on routes legally designated or otherwise appropriately approved by the land managing agency.
- ▶ Trails that are not currently under litigation in a court of law.
- ▶ Construction and maintenance of trails:
 - Clearing/brushing on federal lands will only be allowed to the standard clearing widths identified in the appropriate federal agency trail guidelines.
 - On federal lands, grants will only be approved for trails legally designated by the appropriate federal agency that are included in recognized forest plans, resource area plans, or travel plans.
 - Broad scale maintenance will require specific trail identification and specific description of work to be accomplished.
 - Weed control related to a trail or trail projects.
- ▶ Restoration of areas damaged by trail use.
- ▶ Development of trailside and trailhead facilities (buildings and facilities that are newly constructed or altered with federal funds are subject to the accessibility requirements contained in the Uniform Accessibility Standards).
- ▶ Providing trail and trailhead features to assist individuals with disabilities.
- ▶ Development of urban trail linkages near homes and work places; linkages must connect to a larger trail system.
- ▶ Operation of trails-related environmental protection and safety education programs.
- ▶ Trails information, ethics education, and interpretive information.
- ▶ Acquisition of easements and fee simple title of property for trails.
- ▶ Signs and other traffic control devices relating to trail use (such devices must conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices).
- ▶ Purchase of trail-specific equipment to be used on a long-term or seasonal basis; equipment must meet Buy America requirements.

Ineligible Project Types and Elements

- ▶ Land acquisition by condemnation.
- ▶ Grant administration expenses claimed as direct costs or matching costs, including, but not limited to salaries or volunteer hours for time spent on grant administration; software for grant administration (i.e, QuickBooks), etc.
- ▶ Design and engineering costs for reimbursement that exceed 20% of the grant request.

- ▶ Projects intended solely for the purpose of covering environmental evaluation and documentation costs, needs assessments, visitor studies, etc.
- ▶ Facilities (shelters, toilets, picnic tables, benches, etc.) located in park settings which are not clearly and solely for the benefit of trail users versus an enhancement for park users.
- ▶ Feasibility studies and planning.
- ▶ Law enforcement activities.
- ▶ Projects managed as profit-making entities.
- ▶ Trail projects on routes not legally designated by the appropriate land management agency.
- ▶ Projects that displace fish and wildlife species, reduce habitat effectiveness, cause irreparable damage to vegetation, soils, water and wild public lands, and/or substantially increase conflicts.
- ▶ Trails, or any project pertaining to that trail, currently under litigation in a court of law.
- ▶ Projects that have the potential to substantially alter legal use patterns or make the trail substantially less desirable for the spectrum of current users.
- ▶ Construction of any recreational trail on National Forest System land for any motorized use unless:
 - the land has been designated for uses other than wilderness by an approved forest land and resource management plan or has been released to uses other than wilderness by an Act of Congress; and
 - the construction is otherwise consistent with the management direction in the approved forest land and resource management plan.
- ▶ Construction of any recreational trail on Bureau of Land Management land for any motorized use unless the land:
 - has been designated for uses other than wilderness by an approved Bureau of Land Management resource management plan or has been released to uses other than wilderness by an Act of Congress; and
 - the construction is otherwise consistent with the management direction in the approved management plan.
- ▶ Upgrading, expanding, or otherwise facilitating motorized use or access to recreational trails predominantly used by nonmotorized recreational trail users and on which, as of May 1, 1991, motorized use was prohibited or had not occurred.
- ▶ Projects that destroy or compromise the special characteristics of roadless lands.
- ▶ Landscaping that exceeds mitigation planting or reseeding efforts in conjunction with a trail or trailhead construction project.
- ▶ Funds associated with improving roads for passenger vehicle use, including roads to trailheads. This includes regrading efforts.
- ▶ Legal fees.
- ▶ Gifts, including clothing, purchased for volunteer work crews or employees.
- ▶ Volunteer celebration and recruitment efforts and events.
- ▶ Professional development events for staff, volunteers, etc.
- ▶ Budget contingencies.
- ▶ Transportation facilities, such as bike lanes, sidewalks, and other active transportation facilities—unless small portions complete linkages to trail systems or provide increased trail connectivity.
- ▶ Skill building facilities that are standalone facilities and not connected to a trail system.
- ▶ Conversion of rural/backcountry single track trails to double track trails or the conversion of double track trails to routes wide enough to accommodate motor vehicles (cars, trucks).
- ▶ Motorized projects in wilderness study areas or inventoried roadless areas except for projects that rehabilitate areas damaged by use including trails.
- ▶ Work involving an undesignated water trail.