

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education Grant

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Education Grant Requirements:

Education projects must include the operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection, as those objectives relate to one or more use of recreational trails, supporting non-law enforcement trail safety and trail use monitoring patrol programs, and providing trail-related training. All funds allocated to educational projects must be fully expended within the duration of the Federal Fiscal Year.

For more information on available funding for the Education Grant, visit our website <https://gadnr.org/RTP>

Types of Education Projects may include:

- Develop and operate trail safety education programs.
- Develop and operate trail-related environmental education programs.
- Develop and provide training on trail accessibility and sustainability (see also Category F).
- Produce trail-related educational materials, including information displays, in print, video, audio, interactive computer displays, etc.
- Trail patrols to monitor trail use, safety, conditions, and/or environmental impacts.
- Trail patrols to provide trailside assistance such as providing emergency aid, search and rescue, helping trail users repair equipment, etc.
- Trail patrols to educate trail users, to protect environmentally sensitive areas.
- Develop and deliver training that promotes safety or environmental protection related to recreational trails. This includes training related to trail planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and assessment, as related to safety and environmental protection. **Note: this does not include training related to club or organizational development or grant-writing skills.**)
- Develop or support publications related to trail planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and assessment, because these steps relate to safety and environmental protection.
- Projects can use services from qualified youth conservation or service corps to develop and provide training and to work in trail patrols.

- Projects may involve the development of training and educational materials, as well as programs. All materials and publications are required to acknowledge the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and the Federal Highway Administration. Written materials developed using RTP funds and the findings of planning and research conducted with RTP funds shall be made accessible to the general public. With limited exceptions, materials generated with RTP funds should be designated as public domain materials.

Education Grant Proposal Documents:

- Detailed Narrative- describing the nature of the project and how it relates safety and environmental protection.
- Complete Detailed Budget Form
- Complete Detailed Implementation Schedule
- Complete Categorical Exclusion Form (CE Form)
- Maps- site plan, location map, and boundary map. (If the project leads to construction)
- Photos (if the project involves construction.)

Additional Information required to be included in the proposal packet

1. Point of Contact information
2. Director or Elected Official
3. SAM #
4. FEI #
5. Let us know if you have received funding in the past from DNR.

All proposals are subject to review by DNR and FHWA for final approval.

Once DNR receives the approval from FHWA, the project sponsor is notified.

The next steps will include:

- Financial Workshop
- Project Agreement
- Notice to Proceed
- Project sponsor will be required to submit quarterly reports during the project agreement.
- Complete all financial requirements to close the project before the end of the federal fiscal year.

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