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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Qualified Applicants

FROM: Taylor Brown, Grants Unit Chief
Georgia DNR Grants Unit

SUBJECT: Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program and Recreational Trails Program
2021-2022 Funding Cycle Dates and Educational Workshops Announcement

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding cycle dates and Educational Workshops for the 2021-2022 funding cycle.

Below you will find information on both programs, as well as the dates and times for the webinar-based workshops that are being offered. These are excellent opportunities to become familiar with each program and get invaluable guidance on the application processes and criteria. The funding cycle dates for both programs are outlined below and are also posted at <https://gadnr.org/grants>.

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) is a grant and loan program administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and authorized by The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act. Through GOSP, Conserve Georgia Grants and Loans are dispersed for the purpose of providing stewardship to state parks; state lands and wildlife management areas; to support local parks and trails; and to protect critical conservation lands. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), constituted recreation authorities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities with a core mission of conservation.

GOSP Funding Cycle Dates are as Follows:

- August 2, 2021 - Pre-application window opens
- October 15, 2021 - Pre-application window closes
- Spring 2022 - Successful Pre-applicants notified
- Spring 2022 - Second-level Application window opens
- May 30, 2022 - Second-level Application period closes
- Summer 2022 - Final Approval of Projects



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Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program is a federal grant program funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered at the state level by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of RTP is to support recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments, authorized commissions, and state and federal agencies. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), state agencies and federal agencies.

RTP Funding Cycle Dates are as Follows:

September 1, 2021 - Pre-application window opens

November 1, 2021 - Pre-application window closes

February 2022 - Successful Pre-applicants invited to start Second-level Applications

March 31, 2022 - Second-level Application period closes

For more information about the GOSP or RTP, please visit <https://gadnr.org/grants>.

GOSP and RTP Workshops

DNR Grants Staff will conduct two web-based one-day workshops about GOSP and RTP's Nonmotorized Trail Grants. These sessions will highlight each program and introduce the application process. RTP will conduct a separate workshop solely addressing Motorized Trail grant opportunities. These workshops will be at no cost to the public, but we do ask that you register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4618632046437787664> (only RTP Motorized Trail Grants)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7339088795836159244> (GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants)

Workshop dates are as follows:

Thursday, June 3, 2021, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (only RTP Motorized Trail Grants)

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants)

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants)

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning the workshops, please contact:

GOSP – Soheila Naji at (404) 463-0288 or soheila.naji@dnr.ga.gov

RTP – Lauren Turner at (404) 463-1030 or lauren.turner@dnr.ga.gov

We look forward to partnering with you in providing quality outdoor resources for your citizens.

cc: Members of the GOSA Board of Trustees
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