MEMORANDUM

TO: All Qualified Applicants
FROM: Taylor Brown
Chief of Grants, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
SUBJECT: Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program and Recreational Trails Program
2023-2024 Funding Cycle Dates and Education Workshop Announcement

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding cycle dates and Educational Workshops for the 2023-2024 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 process and criteria. The funding cycle dates for both programs are outlined below and are also posted at https://gadnr.ga/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:**

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Recreational Trails Program
The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) 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 (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), authorized commissions, state agencies and federal agencies.

RTP Funding Cycle Dates are as Follows:

- September 1, 2023: Pre-application window opens
- November 1, 2023: Pre-application window closes
- February 2024: Successful Pre-applicants invited to Second-level Application
- March 31, 2024: Second-level Application period closes
- Fall 2024: Final approval of Projects anticipated

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 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 ask that you register at the following links or at https://gadnr.org/grants

GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/321449634081496664
RTP Motorized Trail Grant: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/666362750347881301

Workshop dates are as follows:
- Thursday, June 22, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants
- Wednesday, June 28, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. GOSP and RTP Nonmotorized Trail Grants
- Thursday, June 29, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. only RTP Motorized Trail Grants

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

GOSP – Bethany Carnes at 404-463-0288 or bethany.carnes@dnr.ga.gov
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We look forward to partnering with you in providing quality outdoor resources for your citizens.

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