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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Qualified Applicants  
FROM: Taylor Brown *TJB*  
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.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 1, 2023	Pre-application window opens
October 13, 2023	Pre-application window closes
Spring 2024	Successful Pre-applicants notified
Spring 2024	Second-level Application period opens
May 30, 2024	Second-level Application period closes
Summer 2024	Final Approval of Projects

### **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/3214496340881496664>

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:

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

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