

National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program

FY2020 Request: \$1,700,000

Reference No: 6854

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program provides grants to government and community organizations for trail development and improvement projects statewide.

Funding:	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$9,000,000
1005 GF/Prgm	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,200,000
Total:	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$10,200,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P8 L16 SB142 \$1,700,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L20 SB23 \$1,500,000
- Sec19 Ch1 SLA2017 P22 L15 SB23 \$150,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P5 L31 SB138 \$1,700,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L28 SB26 \$1,700,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L23 SB119 \$1,700,000

Project Description/Justification:

The project grants \$1.5 million in federal funds to government and community organizations for trail development and improvement projects statewide. The National Recreational Trails Program (RTP) requires the split of the funding to be 30% non-motorized, 30% motorized, and 40% diversified trail projects. As more and more residents and visitors turn to Alaska’s vast trail system for recreation, subsistence and basic transportation between communities, the need for a more extensive and better-maintained trail system continues to grow. Many existing trails are being lost as property is sold, subdivided, or developed without reserving trail easements.

This program identifies, maintains and expands the Alaska trail system for both summer and winter trails. Legal, safe, well-maintained, and easy to use trails are reducing trespass situations, search and

rescue occurrences, and public safety concerns. Because these are matching grant programs, grantees provide cash, labor, and equipment to match 10% of grant funds, stretching existing funding.

Public recreational trails contribute to Alaska's economy by providing construction and maintenance jobs, attracting tourists and visitors, stimulating the business of outfitters, guides and tour companies, and improving the mental and physical well-being of the work force. This program ensures that:

- Grantees obtain legal access
- Projects are consistent with federal, state, and local land use plans, and laws
- Social and economic impacts are analyzed
- Archeological and historical resources are protected
- The project is analyzed for any impact on threatened or endangered species
- The project is analyzed for any impact on fish and wildlife
- The project is analyzed for its effect on wetlands, flood plains, and bodies of water
- Water and air quality are checked and maintained
- Hazardous waste is checked for and identified
- The noise resulting from the project is analyzed
- There is public involvement

What was accomplished?

In FY2018, the RTP awarded 26 projects statewide equaling a total of \$1,346,248. The following projects have been approved by the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), and the Federal Highways Administration.

DPOR/Mat-Su	Curry Ridge Phase IV	\$99,335
DPOR/ Northern	Mastodon Construction	\$91,426
DPOR/ Kenai	Eshamy Bay Public Use Cabin	\$50,570
Tsalteshi Trails	Slikok Expansion	\$50,000
DPOR/Mat-Su	Snow Machine Trail Denali State Park	\$240,462
DPOR/ Chugach	Rabbit Lake Trail Improvements	\$33,601
DPOR/ Kenai	Saddle Trail	\$50,000
DPOR/ Southeast	Settlers Cove Trail Access Improvements	\$47,808
Ground Truth Trekking	Tutka Backdoor Access and Continuity	\$18,100
DPOR/ Chugach	Iditarod NHT (Crow Pass) Phase 1	\$49,998
DPOR/ Kenai	Lagoon Trail Repair	\$50,000
DPOR Kodiak	Fort Abercrombie Trail	\$14,415
DPOR/ Southeast	Mt. Riley Trail Restoration (Haines)	\$19,272
Delta Junction Trails Association	Bluff Cabin Trail	\$92,228
DPOR/ Kenai	Morgan's Landing	\$38,389
Fairbanks North Star Borough	Tanana Lakes phase IV	\$41,975
Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance	Girdwood Mountain Bike Park Phase 1	\$49,995

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Girdwood Trails Committee	Iditarod National Historic Trail - Part 1	\$49,822
USDA, Chugach National Forest	Training and Assessment	\$49,918
DPOR/ Northern	Winner Creek Trail	\$13,313
DPOR/ Northern	Mastodon Hardening II	\$23,900
DPOR/ Northern	Angel Rocks	\$17,455
DPOR/ Kodiak	Afognak Trail	\$9,512
DPOR/ Mat-Su	Hatcher Pass Trail	\$62,834
FCC/ Government Hill	Gov't Hill West Bluff Trail Connection	\$31,920
Alaska Trails	Mirror Lake Phase II	\$50,000
	Total	\$1,346,248

FY2020 Budget Needs:

Line Item	Amount
1000-Personal Services	\$767,793
2000 – Travel	\$10,000
3000 - Services	\$45,485
4000 - Commodities	\$95,629
5000-Capital Outlay	\$202,467
7000 - Grants	\$578,626
Total Request	\$1,700,000

Project will partially fund the following existing positions:
 (10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, Full-time, Anchorage
 (10-5166) Natural Resource Technician II, Part-time Haines
 (10-5172) Natural Resource Technician II, Part-time, Fairbanks
 (10-5174) Natural Resource Technician II, Part-time, Ninilchik
 (10-5224) Natural Resource Technician II, Part-time, Kodiak
 (10-5246) Natural Resource Technician II, Part-time, Juneau
 (10-5040) Park Specialist, Part-time, Chena River
 (10-5080) Park Specialist, Part-time, Denali
 (10-5107) Park Specialist, Part-time, Homer
 (10-5211) Park Specialist, Part-time, Seward
 (10-5214) Park Specialist, Part-time, Finger Lake
 (10-5215) Grant Administrator II, Full-time, Anchorage
 (10-5004) Accounting Technician II, Full-time, Anchorage