

**National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program**

**FY2021 Request: \$1,600,000**  
**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:** 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025

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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.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000		\$7,500,000
1005 GF/Prgm	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000		\$500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

<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"/> Ongoing
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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2019 P6 L3 SB19 \$800,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2019 P6 L7 SB19 \$800,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P8 L16 SB142 \$1,700,000
- Sec19 Ch1 SLA2017 P22 L15 SB23 \$150,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L20 SB23 \$1,500,000
- 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:**

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 workforce. This program ensures:

- 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
- The project grants \$1.5 million in federal dollars to the 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.

**What was accomplished with prior funding?**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Eagle River Visitor Center	Eagle River	\$ 16,800
Alaska Trails	South Fork Rim Trail	\$ 59,175
	<b>Total State Park Projects:</b>	<b>\$ 674,924</b>
Delta Junction	Bluff Cabin	\$ 89,894
Wasilla Soil and Water Con District	Susitna River Trail	\$ 49,974

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Fairbanks North Star Borough	Isberg East-West	\$	99,356
Girdwood Iditarod Committee	Girdwood Iditarod	\$	74,871
HoWL	HoWL Trails	\$	34,412
Kachemak Bay Heritage	Kachemak Heritage Land		
	Trust Poopdeck	\$	45,921
Government Peak Recreation Area –	Government Peak Valley		
	Mtn. Bikers and Hikers	\$	29,192
Tsalteshi Trails	Tsalteshi Trail Lights	\$	58,798
Takshanuk Watershed Council	Take in the Sights	\$	33,960
<b>Total Community Organization Projects:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>516,378</b>

**Total Projects Funded: \$1,191,302**

The following Recreational Trails Program projects have been approved by the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), and the Federal Highways Administration.

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-MatSu	Reed Lakes Trail	\$50,000
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Northern	Mastodon Trail	\$48,412
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Northern	Granite Tors	\$55,906
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Southeast	Settlers Cove Public Use Cabin	\$46,227
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Kodiak	Shuyak Trail	\$11,764
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Kenai	China Poot Trail	\$75,000
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Northern	Compeau Trail Cabin	\$59,655
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Chugach	Hillside Trail	\$53,907
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Northern	Olnes Pond	\$50,261
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-Chugach	Eklutna Lake	\$59,009
State of Alaska: Div of Parks-D&C	Lynx Creek	\$88,808

**Position Detail**

Full-time Grant Administrator II, Range 17, located in Anchorage  
Full-time Administrative Officer II, Range 19, located in Anchorage  
Full-time Accounting Technician II, Range 14, located in Anchorage

**Allocation of total request by line item**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount (use whole dollars)</b>
1000 Personal Services	\$667,795
2000 Travel	\$10,000
3000 Services	\$45,485
4000 Commodities	\$95,629
5000 Capital Outlay	\$202,465
7000 Grants	\$578,626
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>