

National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program

FY2022 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: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

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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:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	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
Total:	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$8,000,000

<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"/> 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
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec5 Ch8 SLA2020 P66 L23 HB205 \$1,600,000
- 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.

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- 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?

Grantee	Grant Title	Grant Award
SOA: Div of Parks-Kodiak	Afognak Trail and Public Use Cabin MOD #1	22,788
SOA: Div of Parks-Northern	Chena River SRA Motorized Trails	99,800
SOA: Div of Parks-MatSu	East Red Shirt and Chicken Lake Trails	43,967
SOA: Div of Parks-MatSu	Gold Mint Trail	55,397
SOA: Div of Parks-Kenai	Grewingk Valley and China Poot Lake Area Trails	75,000
SOA: Div of Parks-Southeast	Haines Area Trail Rehabilitation	25,014
SOA: Div of Parks-Southeast	Halibut Point SRA Site Trail	20,000
SOA: Div of Parks-Chugach	Iditarod Ntl Hist Trail (Crow Pass) PH II	51,660
SOA: Div of Parks-Kodiak	Lake Gertrude Loop Trail MOD #1	52,688
SOA: Div of Parks-Southeast	Lunch Falls Trail Repairs	18,380
SOA: Div of Parks-Northern	Matodon Trail Cabin MOD #1	14,700
SOA: Div of Parks-Southeast	Point Bridget State Park Trails	53,473
SOA: Div of Parks-Chugach	Ptarmigan Valley Trail	72,859
SOA: Div of Parks-Kodiak	West Shuyak Island State Park Trails	23,794
SOA: Div of Forestry	Haines State Forest Trail Improvements	94,570
SOA: Div of Forestry	Rosie Creek Valley Trail	100,000
Alaska Trails	Bird to Gird Trail	42,339
Girdwood Trails Committee	Girdwood Lower Iditarod Ntl Hist Trail, PH II	74,685
	Total State Park Projects:	941,113
MatSu Borough	Eska Strip Mine Trail	61,180

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MatSu Borough	Settlers Bay Coastal Park Interp Trail Signage	28,800
Valdez Adventure Alliance	Shoup Bay Trail, PH I	48,248
Fairbanks NS Borough	Tanana Lakes Recreation Area	68,949
US Forest Service	Turnagain Pass Trail	74,513
Total Community Organization Projects:		281,689

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

Line Item Breakdown:

Line Item	Amount
	(use whole dollars)
1000 Personal Services	545,000.00
2000 Travel	5,000.00
3000 Services	185,000.00
4000 Commodities	50,000.00
5000 Capital Outlay	100,000.00
7000 Grants	715,000.00
Total Request	\$ 1,600,000.00