

National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program

FY2024 Request: \$1,720,000

Reference No: 6854

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

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: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project leverages 10:1 federal funding and is critical to community organizations for trail development and improvement projects statewide. These grants are distributed on a proportional basis between motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trail needs. Those needs are evaluated by the Outdoor Recreation Trails Advisory Board.

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 funds, labor, and equipment to match 10 percent of grant funds, stretching existing funding.

Funding:	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000		\$7,500,000
1003 G/F Match	\$220,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000		\$820,000
Total:	\$1,720,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$0	\$8,320,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec11 Ch1 SLA2022 P91 L18 HB281 \$1,600,000
- Sec8 Ch1 SLA2021 P75 L12 HB 69 \$1,600,000
- 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.
- 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 percent non-motorized, 30 percent motorized, and 40 percent 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 percent of grant funds, stretching existing funding.

What was accomplished with prior funding?

DPOR / SOA Grantee Awards:

Grantee	Grant Title	Grant Award
Kesugi Ken to Byers Lake Snowmachine Trail	DNR DPOR Mat-Su	240,274.60
Reeds Lake Phase III	DNR DPOR Mat-Su	50,000.00
Iditarod National Historic Trail (Crow Pass), Phase II	DNR DPOR Chugach	51,659.50
Ptarmigan Valley Trail	DNR DPOR Chugach	72,859.00
Grewingk Valley and China Poot Lake Area Trails	DNR DPOR Kenai	75,000.00
Afognak Trail and Public Use Cabins	DNR DPOR Kodiak	25,133.44
Lake Gertrude Loop Trail	DNR DPOR Kodiak	52,688.00
East Red Shirt Lake and Chicken Lake Cross Park Trails	DNR DPOR Mat-Su	43,967.00
Gold Mint Trail	DNR DPOR Mat-Su	55,397.00
Halibut Point State Recreation Area Site Trail	DNR DPOR Southeast	20,000.00
Point Bridget State Park Trails	DNR DPOR Southeast	53,472.50
Lunch Falls Trail Repairs	DNR DPOR Southeast	18,380.00
Haines Area Trail Rehabilitation	DNR DPOR Southeast	25,014.00
FY2021 RTP Administrative Allowance	DNR DPOR Grants Section	106,955.00

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Chugach Video Trail Guides	DNR DPOR Interpretation & Education Section	35,581.80
Grewingk Glacier Management Unit	DNR DPOR Interpretation & Education Section	17,900.00
Caines Head SRA Trail Maintenance	DNR DPOR Kenai	42,025.00
Halibut Point SRS & Mosquito Cove Trail Improvements	DNR DPOR Southeast	54,415.27
Halibut Point State Recreation Site Latrine	DNR DPOR Southeast	75,000.00
Point Bridget State Park Trails, Phase II	DNR DPOR Southeast	71,900.28
Rosie Creek Trail	DNR Forestry	100,000.00
Total State of Alaska Awards:		1,287,622.39

Community Grantee Awards:

Grantee	Grant Title	Grant Award
HoWL Trail Days	HoWL, Inc.	34,412.00
Bird to Gird Trail	Alaska Trails	42,339.00
Tanana Lakes Recreation Area	Fairbanks North Star Borough	68,949.00
Girdwood Lower Iditarod National Historic Trail, Phase II	Girdwood Trails Committee	74,685.00
Settlers Bay Coastal Park Interpretive Trail Signage	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	28,800.00
Turnagain Pass Trail	United States Forest Service	30,213.05
Reflective Wands	Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation	13,500.00
Sea Lion Cove State Marine Park Trail Repairs	Sitka Trail Works	33,616.23
Delta River Walk Park, Phase I	Delta Junction Trails Association	75,000.00
Eklutna Lakeside Trail Brushing	Alaska Trails	75,000.00
Little O'Malley Peak Trail	Alaska Trails	72,000.00
Tracks for Trails	Willow Area Community Organization	23,178.00
Total Community Awards:		571,692.28

Line Item Detail

Line Item	Amount
1000 Personal Services	\$595,000
2000 Travel	\$5,000
3000 Services	\$255,000
4000 Commodities	\$50,000
5000 Capital Outlay	\$100,000
7000 Grants	\$715,000
Total	\$1,720,000