

National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program**FY2025 Request:****\$1,750,000****Reference No:****AMD 6854****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation**Recipient:** NA**House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Contact:** Theresa Cross**Contact Phone:** (907)269-6398**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 reduce 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.

Funding:	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,500,000						\$1,500,000
1003 GF/Match	\$150,000						\$150,000
1004 Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000

<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 checked="" 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:

Sec14 Ch1 SLA2023 P91 L21 HB39 \$1,720,000
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 play a significant role in Alaska's economy by creating jobs, attracting tourists, benefiting outfitters and guides, and improving the well-being of the workforce. The program ensures that grantees have legal access, projects align with land use plans and laws, and social and economic impacts are analyzed. It also prioritizes the protection of archeological sites, historical resources, threatened or endangered species, fish and wildlife, wetlands, flood plains, bodies of water, water and air quality, and identification of hazardous waste. The noise impact resulting from the project is evaluated and public involvement is encouraged.

The project grants \$1.5 million in federal funds to government and community organizations for statewide trail development and improvement projects. The National Recreational Trails Program (RTP) mandates a funding split of 30 percent non-motorized, 30 percent motorized, and 40 percent diversified trail projects. As the demand for Alaska's trail system grows for recreation, subsistence, and transportation, there is a need for an extensive and well-maintained trail network. Many existing trails are at risk of being lost due to property sales, subdivision, or development without reserving trail easements.

Project Title	Organization Name	Federal \$
FY2023 RTP Administrative Allowance	DNR DPOR Grants Section	\$ 106,955
Bird Point Education Project	DNR DPOR - Education and Interpretation Section	\$ 75,265
Byers Lake Loop Trail Brushing and Tread Repairs	DNR DPOR - Mat-Su/Denali State Park	\$ 40,135
Caines Head SRA Trail Improvements - Rainforest/Alpine	DNR DPOR - Kenai Region	\$ 98,193
China Poot Lake Trail - Flood Reroute	DNR DPOR - Kachemak Bay State Park	\$ 145,657
HoWL Stewardship Expeditions	HoWL, Inc.	\$ 73,985
Matanuska Lakes Trail Enhancement Project	DNR DPOR - Mat-Su/ Copper River Basin Region	\$ 29,687
Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails	Alaska Trails	\$ 187,328
Woody Island Trails	DNR DPOR - Southwest	\$ 31,500
35 Mile ORV Riding Park	City and Borough of Juneau	\$ 299,970
Bird Creek Valley Trailhead Improvements	DNR DPOR - Chugach State Park	\$ 252,000
South Denali Winter Trails	Curry Ridge Riders	\$ 50,585
Campbell Tract New Single Track Construction	US DOI Bureau of Land Management	\$ 54,000
Caribou Lake Trail Rehabilitation	Snomads, Inc.	\$ 171,831
CSP: Eklutna Lake Trailhead Improvement	DNR DPOR - Design & Construction	\$ 455,272
Delta River Walk Trails Phase 2	Delta Junction Trails Association	\$ 45,050
Shoup Bay Trail Phase 3	Valdez Adventure Alliance	\$ 66,810
Willow Trails Rehabilitation Project	Willow Trail Committee/Willow Area Community Organization	\$ 35,946
Total Federal Request		\$ 2,220,169

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$595,000
2000 – Travel	\$5,000
3000 – Services	\$255,000
4000 – Commodities	\$80,000
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$100,000
7000 – Grants	\$715,000
Total Request	\$1,750,000