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## Recreational Trails Program and Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program Comparison

Montana State Parks administers the following grant programs for activities related to the construction and maintenance of and trail-related facilities. More information will be posted on the Montana State Parks website in October 2020: <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/>

### Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP is a federally funded grant program. The RTP is funded through the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Its funds represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use. This grant program awards about \$1.5 million annually.

### Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program (MTSGP)



The MTSGP is a new, state-funded grant program authorized by the Montana State Legislature in 2019. The MTSGP is funded through a portion of Montana's light vehicle registration fee. This program is expected to award approximately \$1.25 million this funding cycle.

	Eligible Funding Areas	Eligible Applicants	Application Period	Maximum Award	Match Requirement	Award Term	Other Important Requirements
<b>Recreational Trails Program (RTP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development or maintenance of motorized and non-motorized trails or trail-related facilities</li><li>• Winter trail grooming</li><li>• Purchase of trail equipment</li><li>• Purchase of land for trail development</li><li>• Development of trail education or ethics programs</li></ul>	Any private club, NGO, or city, county, state, federal, or tribal government entity	Nov 2, 2020 through Feb 1, 2021 (apply at <a href="http://funding.mt.gov">funding.mt.gov</a> )	\$100,000	20% of total project costs	Up to two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grantees must submit a reimbursement request every 8 months during grant cycle.</li><li>• Grantees must maintain an active SAM registration.</li><li>• Buy America requirements must be met.</li><li>• State procurement procedures must be followed.</li></ul>
<b>Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program (MTSGP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New trail and shared-use path construction</li><li>• Rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and shared-use paths, including winter grooming</li><li>• Construction and maintenance of trailside and trailhead facilities</li></ul>			\$50,000	10% of total project costs	Up to three years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State procurement procedures must be followed.</li><li>• Grantees to use up to 7% of grant funds on administrative costs.</li><li>• Funds may not be used on safety/education activities or equipment purchases</li></ul>

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