

Funding Opportunity Announcement



Recreational Trails Program - **Motorized Trails**

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks - Outdoor Recreation Grants Office is accepting applications for **motorized trails** under the **Recreational Trails Program**.

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program is a Federal-aid reimbursement program, not an up-front grant program. On approved public projects, the reimbursed federal share is 80% and the local share is 20%. For this motorized trail funding opportunity, there is no pre-set cap to the amount of the project. Complete and eligible applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis for recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Funding will be based on the availability of RTP "motorized" funds.

Motorized trails are specifically for motorized vehicular activities, including all-terrain vehicle riding, motorcycling, use of off-road light trucks, or use of other off road motorized vehicles.

Funding Source

The RTP funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use: fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.

The RTP funding allocation is broken into three categories: 30% for motorized use trails, 30% for non-motorized use trails, and 40% for diverse use trails. Due to an accumulation of unobligated motorized funds, this funding opportunity is made available to utilize the funds.

With this announcement, I encourage any city, county, state and/or federal agency, college/university or recreation district with recreational motorized trail needs to apply for funding assistance. Nonprofit conservation organizations (existing for 5 years or more) may also apply for Recreational Trails Program funds.

The RTP Applications and Guidelines may be downloaded from the MDWFP website:
<https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/outdoor-recreational-grants/>

The funding opportunity will remain open and applications accepted until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Grants Office by email terry.mcdill@wfp.ms.gov or phone number (601) 432-2227.

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