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Recreational Trails Program accepting grant applications through June 15 for motorized and non-motorized tail projects

The Recreational Trails Program is accepting grant applications through June 15 for the 2021 grant cycle. The federally funded reimbursement grant program provides matching grants to construct, expand or improve public trails for motorized and non-motorized use.

Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent via <u>oprdgrants.org</u> by April 30, and applications are due June 15.

An optional webinar is set 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. April 15 to provide information on the program and how to navigate the application process. Register at the <u>Recreational Trails Program web page</u>.

Approximately \$1.6 million in grant funds are available for land or easement acquisitions, safety and education, trail assessment for accessibility or maintenance construction, heavy restoration, trailhead facilities and water trails.

The grant program is open to local governments, park districts, state and federal agencies, Tribal governments, other public land managers and nonprofits.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Since 1993, the program has funded over 500 projects across Oregon.

Information about the program, including the grant manual, application instructions and program schedule, is on the <u>Recreational Trails Program web page</u>.

Questions can be directed to Jodi Bellefeuille, Recreational Trails Program Coordinator, at <u>jodi.bellefeuille@oregon.gov</u> or 503-856-6316.

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