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State Recreation Grants

Open for Applications

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The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation has launched the 2027 grant rounds for the Recreation Trails Program and the Land & Water Conservation Fund.

The table below highlights key program information. For full details, visit the program webpage at Recreation Trails Program (RTP) and the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

	Recreation Trails Program	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Program Description	Funds the development, maintenance, and restoration of public recreational trails	Supports the construction or rehabilitation of outdoor recreation facilities and the acquisition of parks and open spaces
Funding Source	Federal Highway Administration	National Park Service

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	Recreation Trails Program	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Eligible Applicants	Municipalities, non-profit organizations, tribal governments and other governmental entities	Municipal entities, tribal governments, and other governmental agencies
Grant Amount	$7,500-$50,000 request range. No max for motorized projects.	$25,000-$1,000,000 request range
Match Requirement	20% match required	50% match required
Application Deadline	Pre-application due 11/20/26 (Required) Full application due 1/31/27	Pre-application due 11/20/26 (Required) Full application due 1/31/27

The Department will host a series of webinars leading up to the pre application deadline. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend to learn more about each program's requirements and how to complete the pre application materials. All sessions and presentation slides will be recorded and posted on the State's website.

- LWCF Project Planning Webinar | Tuesday, October 6th, 11:00 AM - Noon - Register for this webinar
- RTP Project Planning Webinar | Thursday, October 6th, 2:00-3:00 PM - Register for this webinar
- RTP and LWCF Pre-Application Materials Webinar | Monday, October 19th, 1:30-2:30 PM - Register for this webinar

Prospective applicants can contact the Outdoor Recreation Grant team at ANR.FPRRecreationGrants@vermont.gov with questions. The entire team monitors

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