

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Upcoming funding cycle: February 2, 2026-March 2, 2026

Webinar: January 14, 2026

The RTP is also a Federal grant that is passed through to the State of Florida through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). RTP funds can be used for the maintenance or renovation of existing trails, development or renovation of trailside or trailhead facilities or trail linkages, purchase of trail construction or maintenance equipment, and the construction of new trails on local, state and federal lands. As with LWCF, there is extensive guidance on the FDEP website at <https://floridadep.gov/lands/land-and-recreation-grants/content/rtp-application-process-submission-cycles-and-funded>.

Below are some key point to keep in mind when considering an RTP application.

- There are 3 possible matching ratios: 50:50, 60:40, or 80:20 (RTP:applicant)
- Maximum Grant amounts vary based on
 - Nonmotorized, Single-use \$350,000
 - Nonmotorized, Diverse-use \$450,000
 - Mixed-use \$450,000
 - Motorized \$2,000,000
- Lengthy application with multiple exhibits such as conceptual site plan, State Clearinghouse letter, photographs, Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) letter, etc.
- An applicant cannot submit the same application, in whole or in part, under LWCF, Recreational Trails Program (RTP) or Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)

As with LWCF, planning ahead is important to make sure all documentation is ready to submit by the deadline. Taking the time to attend the webinars are important as well since they can help guide you in the right direction on completing your application.